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WHITEAWAY'S



## HINT OF IMPORTANT BRITISH PREPARATIONS FOR BALKANS CAMPAIGN

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—Neutral observers, speculating on the battle of the Mediterranean, to-day said that British preparations for a Balkan campaign in the event of Germany attacking Greece, Turkey or Yugoslavia, must be reaching sizeable proportions for Italy to risk sending out of harbour her battle fleet in an attempt to destroy the British convoys plying between Greece and Egypt.

## IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF WAR

No Necessity Yet

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The formation of an Imperial War Council, consisting of the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the Dominions, Southern Rhodesia or their representatives, a representative of India and representatives of the colonies and protectorates, was suggested by Lord Ellbank in the House of Lords to-day.

Viscount Cranborne, Secretary of State for the Dominions, intimated that the Government opposed the suggestion as not at present practicable or desirable. He added that there were doubtless circumstances and situations in which Ministers might be of the utmost value.

A point might be reached in which we might be able to look more into the future than at present and at such a moment, an Imperial Conference might be essential.

In the Government's view, that moment had not yet come but should the situation alter so as to make it possible to have such a conference, the Government would heartily welcome it.

## Reassuring About Inflation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—Speaking at a luncheon of the Incorporated Sales Managers to-day, Lord Stamp, head of the Commission investigating internal finances, took a reassuring view of inflation, asserting that a "certain degree of inflation, if properly controlled, will not do the community much harm."

The next General Meeting of the Hongkong University Science Society will be held on Tuesday, April 8, at 8.30 p.m., in Room "C" of the Main Building, when Dr. D. S. W. Ling, Ph.D., will deliver a lecture entitled "Some Hongkong Sea-shore Animals".

## British Officers Sent To Polish Camp

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Seven hundred British officer prisoners of war in Germany have been transferred to camps in Poland possessing inferior amenities on the ground that conditions in an officers' prison camp in Canada did not conform to the Prisoners of War Convention.

This was revealed by Mr. R. Law, Financial Secretary to the War Office, in the House of Commons to-day. Mr. Law said that enquiries had shown that the allegations regarding the Canadian camp were completely unfounded and that the camp had been favourably reported on by the International Red Cross.

Strong representations, Mr. Law added, had been made to the German Government which he hoped would result in the return of the officers to their original camp.

**Italian Apologia**  
(BY "REUTERS" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)  
LONDON, Apr. 2.—The apologetics issued by the Italian authorities explained away the crushing defeat of the Italian Navy off Cape Matapan as a naive document which "shows how completely the Italian fleet is receiving or attempting to receive itself."

While it is known that Britain has sent large shipments of war supplies to Greece from Egypt, nothing has been revealed regarding the army troop movement.

However, military commentators have long pointed out that the Balkans is the most likely site for any British land offensive against Germany because her friendship for Greece and Turkey will enable the Allies to establish a bridgehead on the continent.

Likewise, the winding up of the Cirenaica campaign, as well as the approaching close of the Eritrean and Abyssinian campaigns, will release large numbers of troops for action in other theatres.

**Germany and Yugo-Slavia**

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Herr Victor von Heeren, the German Minister to Yugo-Slavia now in Berlin, is not expected to return to Belgrade though official intimation of the rupture of Yugo-Slav-German relations will probably be delayed, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Aftenbladet."

He adds that any German military action will probably require some weeks of preparation. Meanwhile, the uncertainty about the Yugo-Slav situation has compelled Italy to re-group her forces as a precaution against the threat of a new front in Albania, according to the correspondent.

**Statement in Commons**

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Cheers greeted Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, to-day in the House of Commons when he said that the Yugo-Slav situation had completely altered his last statement by the establishment, without any internal disorder, of a new government.

Mr. Butler added: "The House will have noted with gratification the Order of the Day of General Simovitch in which, after asking that false rumours should be ignored, General Simovitch said that his Government were pursuing a friendly policy to all their neighbours."

Mr. Butler added that the British Government were in full and friendly relations with the new Yugo-Slav Government.

## Near East Bombing

South Africans Drive Off Italians

CAIRO, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The bombing of enemy aeroplanes in Tripolitania and South African Air Force activities in Eritrea and Abyssinia are features of an R.A.F. communiqué.

It says that the R.A.F. continues to give active support to the successful operations of our ground forces in Eritrea. South African fighters intercepted and drove off a number of Italian planes in the Asmara area.

In Southern Abyssinia, South African aircraft attacked enemy communications and defences and various kinds of transport between Awash and Adama.

Motor transport was also bombed and machine-gunned at many other places.

Enemy aeroplanes in Tripolitania were bombed yesterday by our aircraft.

From all these operations, our aircraft returned safely with one exception.

**Congratulations To Cunningham**  
ALEXANDRIA, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—King George of England to-day sent the following message to Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, C-in-C. Mediterranean Fleet: "My heartiest congratulations to all ranks and ratings under your command for your great victory."



## Nazi Agitator Attempting To Stir up Trouble in S. America

NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Herr von Rieth, who as the former German Minister in Vienna took an active part in the abortive revolt against Chancellor Dollfuss in 1934, recently arrived in South America and is now in Chile. It is learned from circles here in close touch with events in Latin America.

Accompanied by General Niedenfuhr, the South American specialist of the German Secret Service, he is understood to be making it his special business to stir up hostility to the United States in the southern hemisphere.

Herr von Rieth has already made himself conspicuous through his activities in the Argentine where, with the active help of the local German and Italian fifth columnists, he tried to play up to the nationalist feeling of the Argentines against the United States and Britain.

It is recalled that in the first abortive attempt to destroy unity in Austria, von Rieth conspired with Hitler, the Austrian Minister in Rome, against Chancellor Dollfuss. When on July 25, 1934, Nazi fifth columnists dressed as policemen and shot Dollfuss, von Rieth appeared in front of the Prime Minister's headquarters and openly negotiated on behalf of the insurgents with Dr. Fey, Minister of the Interior.

He suggested that the revolt should be called "Hitler" in the meantime, and failed in the provinces) on, contrary, that the Austrian Government assured the safe conduct of the Chancellor.

**Meeting With Pope**  
At the meeting of Mr. Matsuoka and the Pope earlier only religious and moral issues were discussed, state Vatican circles.

Mr. Matsuoka said afterwards that he was tremendously impressed by the Pope.

Mr. Matsuoka is leaving Rome tomorrow.

**Medal From Pope**  
The talk between Mr. Matsuoka and the Pope was extremely cordial, Vatican circles confirm. The Pope set forth his views of the present situation, Mr. Matsuoka listening with great deference and attention.

The Japanese Foreign Minister then gave the Japanese viewpoint.

Before Mr. Matsuoka left, the Pope presented him with a gold medal.

Mr. Matsuoka subsequently talked with Cardinal Maglione, the Papal Secretary of State, for nearly an hour.

**Air Mail For Troops**  
LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—It was announced to-day that a special air mail postcard service is being introduced for the personnel of the British forces serving in the Middle East.

Postcards will be carried all the way by air to bases in the Middle East where they will be delivered by the Army Postal Service.

## British Officers Describe Great Naval Victory

("Reuter" With Mediterranean Fleet)  
ALEXANDRIA, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Eye-witness stories of the great Mediterranean battle were given

"Reuter" to-day by officers in the battleships Barham and Valiant and the cruiser Gloucester.

These made clear that the lightning broadsides from our battleships nipped in the bud any hopes the Italians may have had of hitting back. The Italian cruisers, Zara and Fiume, received broadsides from the Barham and Valiant within a few seconds of sustaining direct hits from the Warspite.

Captain G. C. Cooke of the Barham compared the battleships which used six-inch as well as 15-inch guns to a "team" of three perfectly trained boxers. The Barham's first broadside scored a direct hit under the bridge of one cruiser and the second caused a series of explosions.

As this cruiser then began burning furiously from bow to stern, the Barham shifted her fire to the second ship in the line which was already burning. She received a broadside near the waterline. The fire aboard her became so fierce that a further target was sought but none was found.

An eye-witness said that the cruiser's guns were pointing fore and aft throughout the action. The TURN to Back Page, Column 3

LATEST

## MONGKOK RIOT

Crowd Injures Indian Constable & Civilian

An Indian constable and a Mr. Pascoe, of 111, Prince Edward Road, were injured in a riot at Mongkok last night, when a crowd of Chinese attacked the police officer who attempted to arrest two unlicensed hawkers.

Mr. Pascoe was hurt on the right hand and the Indian constable suffered injuries to his head and right knee. Both were treated at the Kowloon Hospital.

The trouble started when the Indian police officer attempted to arrest the hawkers. A crowd gathered around demonstrating and attempting to stop him from making the arrests. Stones were thrown at him and the situation became so bad that the Indian was forced to draw his revolver and fire a shot in the air.

Mr. Pascoe, who was passing went to the constable's rescue and eventually the crowd was dispersed.

Two Chinese men and a woman were arrested.

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## SINGLE PLANES RAID U.K. Over East Coast

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Some activity by single enemy aircraft over the east coast of England and Scotland is all that the Air Ministry reports to-night.

At a place in East Anglia and at a village on the north-east coast of Scotland, it says, some damage was done to industrial buildings and there was a small number of casualties of which very few were fatal.

Elsewhere there was little damage and no casualties were reported. One enemy aircraft was destroyed by British fighters in the morning.

No alert was sounded in London up to a late hour this evening.

## U.S. DEFENCE CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—In order to accelerate progress with the National Defence and Foreign Aid programmes, President Roosevelt has requested his Secretaries of State, War, Navy and the Treasury, and Mr. Harry Hopkins, who is in charge of the aid to democracies programme, to confer with him this afternoon.

## Brooke-Popham To Confer During Manila Visit

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Apr. 3 (UP).—Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham is scheduled to confer with Major-General George Grunert, Commander of the Philippine Department this morning, and possibly with Mr. Frances Sayre, the United States High Commissioner.

Afterwards there will be a full dress United States army and navy conference in Cavite, but it is not known whether or not Sir Robert will attend this.

British officials emphasized that the visit is entirely informal and unofficial; however, United States military circles did not attempt to minimize its importance.

Asked by Sir John Wardlaw-Milne whether it was right to assume that

## "Open Door" Is Shut To British Trade In China

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Questioned about the "Open Door" trade policy in China in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) said that the British Government had for some time been watching the trend of Japanese policy towards foreign interests in China and in particular the effect on British trade.

Recently he took opportunity to draw the attention of the Japanese Ambassador to the present state of affairs which the British Government found impossible to reconcile with the past protestations of the Japanese Government about the maintenance of the "Open Door."

Asked by Sir John Wardlaw-Milne whether it was right to assume that the Japanese had now gone back on all their agreements regarding European interests, Mr. Butler said: "We have, on one hand, Japanese statements, and on the other hand, developing the Japanese statements say that their policy is unchanged whereas the more we look at the situation the more unsatisfactory we see it to be. That is why we have taken the opportunity to bring the matter to the attention of the Japanese Government."

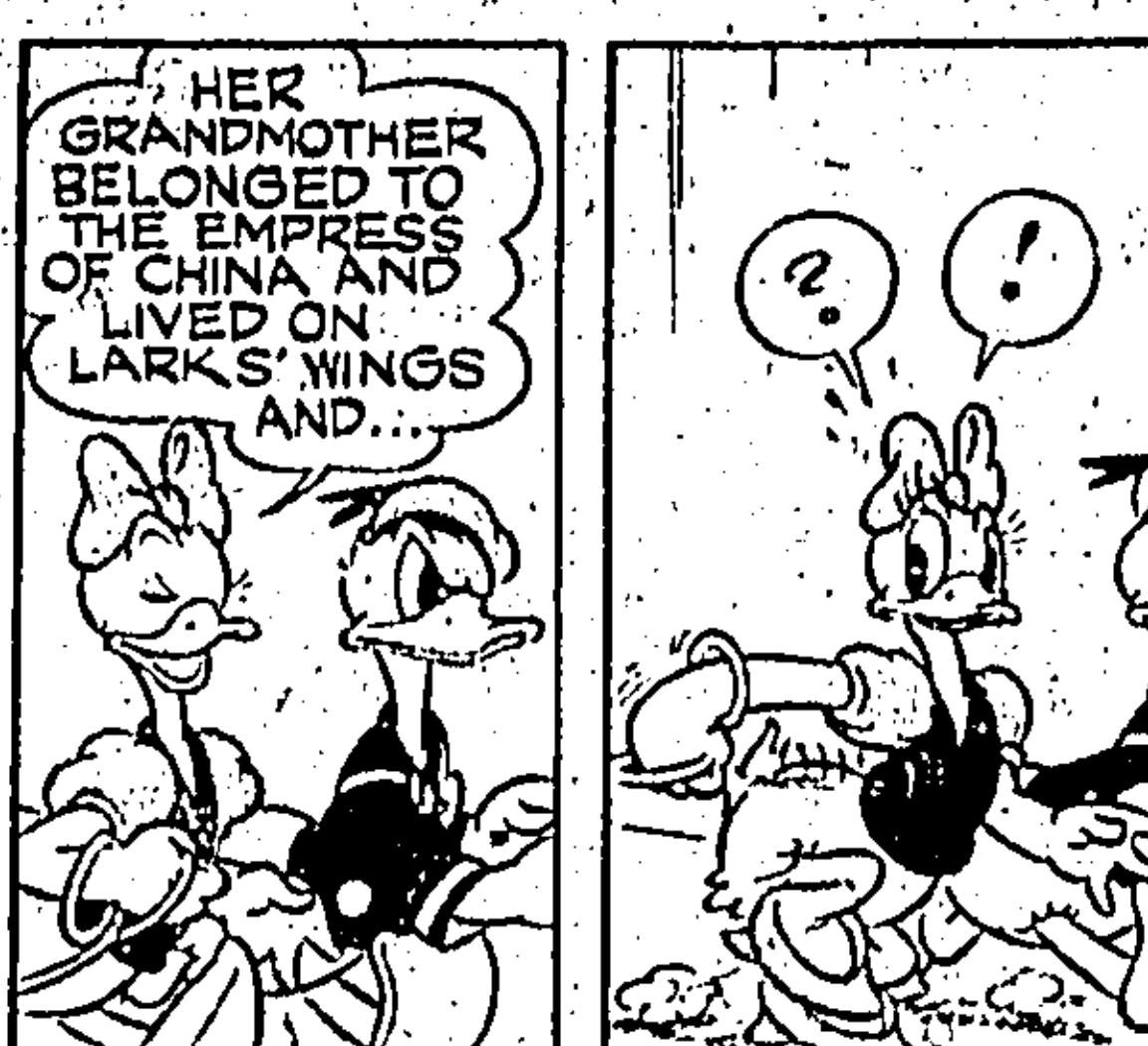
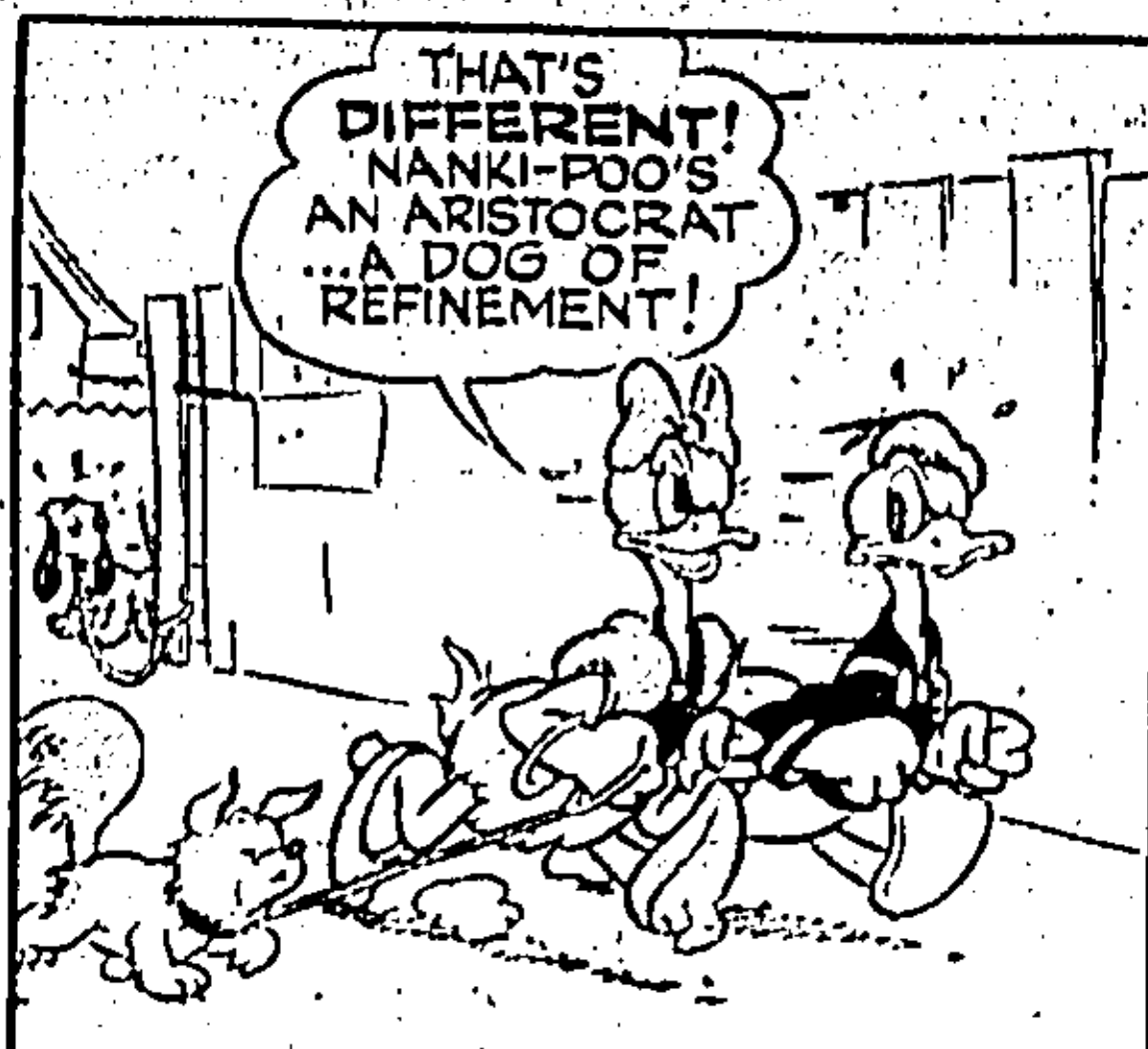






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## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Place near Assyria
- Goodness of harvest
- Wrinkle
- Leaving
- Rodent
- Load
- Austrian
- Asian silk worm
- Delict
- Short run
- Scout
- Unit of machinery
- Large beetle
- Chinese book of Odes
- At any time
- At this place
- Large plant
- Pond flower
- Detoured
- Ocean
- The (German)
- In spite of
- Lease
- One against
- Widespread disease
- Fabricator
- Permit
- Wearing around waist

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- 1-Sprite
- 2-River in France
- 3-Extent
- 4-Top of altar
- 5-Unworked metal
- 6-Die by
- 7-Child of spouse by former marriage
- 8-Dexterity
- 9-Gain
- 10-Time entrance
- 11-Zat together
- 12-Fronton
- 13-Die by
- 14-Stamp collecting
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## Continuing H. V. MORTON'S description of

# OUR GREAT NEW ARMY The Truth About The Army Cook

"GOD sends meat, but the devil sends cooks" is a sentiment which has been enshrined in the proverbs of England, Holland and Italy; and probably other countries as well.

Cooking is not an easy art: it is a difficult vocation, and the good food that is so often ruined in the kitchen is proof of it.

Of all branches of cookery that of Army cooking is probably the most difficult, and certainly the most criticised. In the last war I encountered Army cooking that was good, fair and unspendable.

In the cook-house I found men too dirty and hopeless for ordinary duties, who had been sent there in order to get them out of the way; and I am sure that other soldiers of that period must have met them too.

### Willing To Praise

Then I found good cooks ruined by bad conditions, and others blunted and overwhelmed by the endless character of their task.

It is true, I think, that in order to be a good Army cook a man requires a genuine interest in cooking, organising ability, a reformer's courage, a high standard of conduct, and a sense of responsibility.

In other words, Army cookery is a job that should not be undertaken by a man in order to escape from other less seemingly pleasant, or more arduous, duties; it is hard work, responsible work, and should be tackled with scientific fervour.

Everybody is pathetically anxious that a cook should be good. People are only too willing to praise him. Surely no finer military distinction could be obtained than that of a cook loved by his comrades!

There should be a special decoration for him; or possibly such rare distinction is its own reward!

### Revolution

It is not perhaps known that two years ago a great revolution took place in Army cookery, although I am prepared to hear many soldiers say they have not noticed it.

In 1938 the whole problem was reviewed, and almost enough money was spent, and expert opinion engaged, to reform the cooking of the entire nation.

In that year it was decided to appoint experienced civilian chefs and restaurant experts as instructors at the Army School of Cookery, Aldershot.

A magnificent new building was designed, and was opened a few weeks ago, where 800 pupils can be taught at one time.

The kitchens at this school are modelled on those of a great hotel; but I could not look at the fabulously expensive equipment installed there without wondering if it was not, after all, a scandalous waste of money.

For no ordinary Army cook, having completed his course there, will ever see anything like those gleaming kitchens again.

He will generally find himself in the rathskeller of a derelict country house.

Still, the critic, appalled by the hotel ranges, the long vistas of precious aluminium, the electric plate-washing machines, the steam-heated tea machines, is silenced by being taken from this ideal world into the open air, where cooks are stirring dioxies on home-made fires and bending with smarting eyes over our old friend, the field kitchen.

So, you see, at the Army School of Cookery the real and the ideal are in close proximity, and all the taxpayer can do is to wonder whether the ideal has not, like Army beef, been over-done.

The theory is that a constant stream of Army cooks shall pass through Aldershot, carrying back an expert knowledge of cookery to their units in all commands.

In theory, every unit that sends a man to the Aldershot course should have no more cookery troubles.

I wonder if this is so.

### Stiff Course

The cooks at this school are of several grades.

There is the man who was a cook in civilian life. He is taking a three months' course in order to qualify for tradesman's pay, as laid down in an Army Order of 1039.

This is a stiff course and a man does not usually pass it unless he has had from three to five years' experience of civilian cooking.

Then there are sergeant cooks, emergency cooks, and A.T.S. cooks, all of whom go through a course in real and ideal cookery, spending a portion of their time in the Ritz as it were, and the rest in the yard outside with the dioxies.

These return to their units to put their knowledge into practice after a course of from five to six weeks.

A new development is a three months' course for hospital cooks.

In addition to practical cookery, messing officers are given a two weeks' course in subjects connected with food, rations and waste; and there should be a messing officer to every unit of 500 men.

How vast is the whole problem of Army cooking can be judged from the fact that out of every 50 men called up, one should be trained as a cook. So that in an Army of 2,000,000 men, 40,000 are cooks!

If cooking is not yet first-class throughout the Army, it is certainly not the fault of the Army School.

Its standards are those of a good hotel, and it is inspired by the reformer's zeal.

To enter this school, still more, to have lunch at the Commandant's table, is to enter a world where Army rations become instantly delicious and appetising, cooked in white food, rations and waste; and there should be a messing officer to every unit of 500 men.

But, after all, the test is: do cooks return from the School able to put their knowledge into practice? And, if not, why?

### Orderlies Blamed

There is a story of a sergeant cook who greeted one of his cooks, newly returned from a course, with—

"Well, Brown, and what did they teach you at the school?"

Brown plunged into an earnest account of soup, entrees, roasts, sweets and a number of fancy attainments.

"Well, forget it," said the sergeant, "and go and peel them spuds!"

Whether there is any truth in this story or not, it suggests that a cook returning from a cookery

course may be either chilled or encouraged!

Cooks, with whom I have discussed Army cookery, say that the problem is not how to cook the food, but how to get it in good condition from the kitchen to the men.

Some cooks blame mess orderlies for making good food unappetising by slopping out a spoonful of potato, piling cabbage on top, flinging out a slice of meat and adding a generous splash of gravy to the mixture.

I should have thought that troops could have dealt with this in their own inimitable way.

Other cooks say that bad cooking conditions and the perpetual grind get them down.

"If you could see the dinners of a thousand men!" said one. "Imagine the potatoes alone! It's very easy to get the wind up when you're cooking in the Army, and, because you're afraid of being late, starting too soon and over-cooking everything."

But surely the cook who gets the wind up ought to be given a change of employment in these days when the Army claims to find the right man for the right job!

The more you examine the question of cooking in the Army, the more you realise that something which is supremely simple in theory becomes in practice exceedingly difficult.

Almost everybody has been blamed for this, from the colonel and the orderly officer down to the man who lights the cook-house fire; yet none of these is really a convincing scapegoat.

### Hope

It may be that the improvement in cooking which, I am told, is perceptible in spite of all that I have said, may eventually spread from the School of Cookery right through the Army.

That, at least, is the pious hope of the reformers.

And I can tell Army cooks that, as a reward for their zeal, it is possible that one of these days they may be granted the right to put up an attractive arm-badge. This is the new crest of the Army School of Cookery.

Its history is as follows. Some months ago the Commandant, thinking that Army Cookery deserved a distinctive badge, sent up to the War Office a rough sketch showing an electric stove above a wreath of bay leaves.

### Award It!

When it arrived at the War Office, an adviser in catering objected to it because the stove was not of the most modern pattern.

The design then came to Garter King at Arms, who said that the stove was not sufficiently archaic! He therefore designed a new crest.

This shows a circle containing a conventional Greek cooking-pot, surrounded by golden flames, and on top of the circle is the Crown, and below is a wreath with the motto "Eccum in tempore"—food in time.

This attractive crest is, so far as I know, the only new one granted to the Army since the War. It would be a good move if the War Office would permit cooks to wear it.

At the moment they can slink about unidentified by their critics.

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## Girl Trapped In Bomb Debris 14 Hours; Rescued Unharmcd

FOURTEEN hours after her home in a South Coast town had been bombed, 12-year-old Peggy Byng was brought out almost unharmed from piles of debris in a cellar. To the accompaniment of cheers, she was carried to a waiting ambulance.

The cheers were not only a tribute to a girl whom a fireman described as "one of the most marvellous kids I have come across," but a tribute from his mates to George Edward ("Curly") Palmer, a member of the rescue squad.

After burrowing through to the cellar where Peggy was trapped he had spent ten of the 14 hours lying at her side.

He helped to keep up her spirits, knowing that her mother, her sister and two of her brothers were dead in the cellar.

### Last Look Round

After searching in the darkness for some time the rescue party was about to leave the ruins when Palmer, the lorry driver, said, "Can I have another look round?"

## Robber Appeals For Help To Reform

When a robber runs away with money, it is not news these days in Shanghai where newspapermen can collect their crop of armed robberies practically daily in view of unsettled situation and high cost of living, but when a robber, convicted several times already, writes to a person politely revealing his past record and obtains a loan for doing legitimate business it is news.

The news is made more interesting than usual when the creditor himself guarantees the return of the money, having confidence in the robber that he will repent, says the "North China Daily News."

The creditor and recipient of the strange letter is Mr Chiang Glen-hou, famous commentator and an editor of the evening edition of the "Sin Wan Pao." Mr Chiang recently received congratulations and praises from many readers for his philanthropic work in starting a money-lending movement in favour of the poor who are willing to do business but who are in need of small capital.

As a result of his movement, recently supported by numerous readers of the paper, who have contributed generously, many jobless persons are able to earn their living after obtaining small loans from Mr Chiang.

Most of the once jobless and destitute persons are now hawkers and small merchants who are able to return their loans (with no interest) by instalments.

### Investigations Made

Many pathetic stories have been told by applicants for the credits before obtaining their loans, granted only after careful investigations have been made. Former teachers and

men rendered helpless by the war form the majority of debtors, but what surprised Mr Chiang was a letter from a man who called himself a robber.

A notorious robber, he is well known to the police and goons. He has been convicted twice on charges of armed robbery and until recently he worked in a gambling den, which was probably one of those recently closed by local Chinese authorities.

### Starts Business

"I am a man deserted by society but I am determined to repent and with \$30 I can start selling matches. My relatives and friends have deserted me and I must be my own guarantor for the return of the loan. I cannot flee and the police have my fingerprints."

This in brief was what the "robber" said to Mr Chiang when the latter received him in the office. He indicated to Mr Chiang how a bad man might repent. He did not dare sit down and saluted Mr Chiang many times. Mr Chiang was greatly moved by his sincerity and granted the request after consulting his staff.

And so at least one robber starts legitimate business in Shanghai, concludes the report.

## Taranto Man Shot For Spying

Two Italians were shot by a firing squad recently at Fort Bravetta, near Rome, for alleged espionage and belonging to a military spy ring working for Britain.

They had been found guilty. A woman and two men were sentenced to life imprisonment, and 19 other persons, including a woman, were sentenced to shorter terms of imprisonment (says Associated Press).

One of the men shot was a commercial traveller of Taranto, and the other a quartermaster in the Navy. Another naval quartermaster, a worker in a naval construction firm and his wife were among those sent to prison.

## Thailand To Persian Cargoes For Nazis

Bangkok, Apr. 2.

Foreign business circles report the Japanese are negotiating the purchase of rubber and teak valued at \$3,000,000, allegedly for Germany.

It will be sent to the Gulf of Persia from where it will be shipped by train across Persia and Russia. The reports say the Japanese steamer Chile Maru or a sister ship will pick up the cargo this month.

—United Press.

Manila Denials

Manila, Apr. 2.

Mr Tsuneo Yamamoto, President of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, told the Press to-day that the shipments of copra and coconut oil from the Philippines sent to Japan last month were entirely for Japanese consumption and not intended for trans-shipment to Germany as alleged.

"The unusually poor catch of fish in the past three years has depleted Japanese stocks of oil," he said. "Japan normally obtains 250,000 tons of oil from sardines and is now replacing it with coconut oil."

"Japanese in the Philippines have tried for years to build up the coconut oil trade to Japan and is now very grateful that a combination of circumstances permits the shipments." —United Press.



M. and Mme de San after their wedding at St Joseph's Church on Wednesday. The bride was Miss Leonie de Chaffoy de Courcelles and her husband is Secretary to the Belgian Embassy to China.

—Photo by Mee Cheung.



Lovely bridesmaids at the wedding of Miss de Chaffoy de Courcelles and M. de San at St Joseph's Church on Wednesday. They are Miss Joan Challinor and Sessan Christensen.

—Photo by Mee Cheung.

## TURKEY & SOVIET Pact Satisfies British

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The recent Turko-Soviet declaration contained the following passage: "Should Turkey in fact be the object of aggression and be involved in war in defence of her territory, Turkey could then, in accordance with the Turko-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact, count upon the full understanding and neutrality of the Soviet Government."

In giving this information in the House of Commons to-day, Mr R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) said that he regarded this declaration of the Soviet Union in regard to Turkey as eminently satisfactory.

To other questions, Mr Butler replied: "We always hope that such developments will draw the relations with the Soviet Government closer."

## ITALIAN DESTROYER SUNK

London, Apr. 2. The Admiralty has announced the sinking by naval aircraft of an Italian destroyer of the Panthera class of 1,520 tons in Massawa, the Red Sea Port. The destroyer was located when leaving the port, attacked and sunk.

It has also been announced that the German merchantman, Bertram Rickers, of 4,188 tons, was intercepted by the British destroyer Kanda-har as she was endeavouring to sail from Massawa. —Reuter Bulletin.

## Axis Ships Protest Is Rejected

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has decided to reject the German and Italian demands for the release of seized Axis ships, it is understood.

Asked at a press conference whether there was any present intention of releasing the ships as demanded by the Axis protest Note, Mr Hull said that he had not heard of it in Government quarters.

When the United States replied to the protests, he added, the State Department would probably take up with the Italian and German Embassies the question of publishing correspondence.

## U. S.-MEXICAN DEFENCE Use of Airfields

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—United States-Mexican collaboration for the defence of the Western Hemisphere is visualised in a message sent by President Roosevelt to-day to the Senate asking it to ratify the new agreement between the United States and Mexico for the reciprocal use of airfields belonging to each nation which was signed here yesterday.

President Roosevelt says that the agreement was concluded in view of the exceptional circumstances which have arisen from the present European conflict, and "takes into consideration the necessity of ensuring the conditions of maximum speed for the movements of aviation required in the defence of the American continent."

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## "Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

# Encouragement For Beginners

## Short Apprenticeship Before Rudiments Are Mastered

FEW GAMES are so easy to learn as hockey. The beginner is not faced with the prospect of a long and hard novitiate or constant and assiduous striving for a standard that is not to be had until some distant future date. His experience will not be that of a tennis player, for instance, who must battle through ten years of tournament play—or so I am told—before he can achieve first-class form.

At the most it will be only three or four years before he is at his best. In his first season he will attain a proficiency that is possible in few other games.

The fact is that hockey is a natural game. One of the games that come easily to one who has the ordinary physique, a good eye and average intelligence. It is as easily learned as football, and more easily played.

The cricketer's transition from that game to hockey is without violence, for the main strokes of one are common to the other. The Association footballer, too, passes to hockey almost as readily, so akin are the general outlines of the two games.

But simple as hockey is to learn and play, the beginner will serve a pleasant apprenticeship, and more quickly overtake the skill he desires by starting out right; by being grounded in the rudiments, by early acquiring a knowledge of the strokes used and the best manner in which to use them.

### How To Change Places

THE changing of places is often carried out between an inside and an outside forward, a centre and an inside forward, and a half and a back.

Imagine a winger, to reach a badly delivered pass, going inwards a few yards, drawing with him the oppos-

ing half-back. Then is the time for the inside man to move behind his winger to the vacated position. A return pass thus often finds the outer man unmarked, and much progress can be made down the wing. But this movement to be effective must be done quickly.

A centre-forward for various reasons, dribbles the ball occasionally towards the inside men, and as he does so these latter should see at once whether they are likely to be crowded out and if so move into the centre.

Halves and backs, too, change, as, for instance, when the winger has got away from the half, the back advances to tackle, and the half then drops back and behind to take up the defensive position.

These are but a few of the moves that a beginner has to learn, and they are as simple in theory as they are in practice.

## Bisley Meeting Results

### CHANGES IN PROGRAMME

Results of the second day of the Bisley meeting of the Rifle Association at Kowloon City yesterday were:

**Deliberate Competition.**  
Open prize list.—1. Sgt. Ghulam Mohamad (23), 2. Pte. Croft (23), 3. Pte. Coulson (23), 4. C. A. S. Stanford (23), 5. Sgt. H. H. man (23), 6. Sgt. Cole (23), 7. Pte. McWilliam (23), 8. Pte. Stewart (22), 9. Sgt. McNeill (23), 10. Sgt. J. R. Wall (23).  
Note: To be shot off on A Range at 9 a.m. today.

**Snatch prize list.**—1. D. M. Nix (21), 2. Pte. Higgins (20), 3. Pte. Bellchambers (19), 4. Pte. Ward (19), 5. L/C Quickenden (19), 6. C. A. S. Callaghan (19), 7. Pte. Burke (19), 8. L/C Munchenbach (19), 9. Company Middlesex (19), 10. Tamar beat C Company Middlesex.

Certain changes in to-day's programme are announced. They are: C Company Match—Middlesex B Company and Middlesex D Company will fire their Company Match Competition on A Range at 9 a.m. Royal Scots B Company and Royal Scots Headquarters Company will fire their Company Match Competition on A Range at 9.30 a.m.

**Platoon Match.**—The Platoon Match will start at 10 a.m. instead of 9.30 a.m. and all details will be half an hour later than originally shown.  
**Practice and Pool.**—The Practice and Pool Shoot will not take place from 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., but there will be a practice and Pool Shooting from 9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. immediately before the final of the Association Service Rifle Championship which will start at 2.30 p.m.

## K. C. C. Teams For Saturday

### Cricket League Games

The following teams will represent the K.C.C. in cricket league matches on Saturday.

First eleven, at home to the C.S.C.C.: E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, E. F. Fincher, D. Hunt, R. E. Lee, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge and Major W. W. Parsons.  
Scorer, T. W. Carr; umpire, J. P. Robinson.

Second eleven, away to C.S.C.C.: S. A. Gray, T. A. Madar, E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, W. L. Rapley, R. J. Fenton, H. Brokenshire, W. C. Hung, G. E. Taylor, G. A. Goodban and F. Goodwin. Reserve, L. R. Burch; umpire, R. Leigh.

## Sunday's Hockey Fixtures

The following are the fixtures for Sunday:

**AT 10.30 A.M.**  
Police "A" v. Recreio  
Nomads v. 2nd M.T.B.'s.  
C.B.A. v. R. Signals  
Destroyers v. University

**AT 4 P.M.**  
5th A.A. Div. "B" v. R. Engineers  
The first named team will play at home.

## Random Jottings

### Ladies Seven-A-Side Tournament

I WOULD LIKE to use this space to point out that next Saturday the Ladies Seven-a-side Tournament is being played at King's Park, and that the proceeds are to be devoted to the Bomber Fund.

Seven or more teams will probably participate, and as has been in the past, these games are always worth watching. On this occasion, for a small donation, the spectator will be afforded some hours of keen amateur sport.

The promoters of this tournament deserve every possible support in their desire to assist a good cause, and I would urge all those who have an idle afternoon to visit King's Park and enjoy the hockey.

THE two unbeaten teams in the H.K.H.A. Tournament, the Police "A" and the Club de Recreio, will meet at Boundary Street next Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m. There will be no charge for entrance to the Police ground, but I have been informed by the Police hockey secretary that Bomber boxes will be taken around before and during the match.

A stick will be raffled, the proceeds of which will also go to the Bomber Fund. The lucky number will be drawn at the conclusion of the game, and the captain of the winning team will be asked to autograph the stick. It is going to be a most interesting match, and here again I would ask enthusiasts to render the utmost support.

TO-MORROW (Friday) at 4.30 p.m.

The Police "A" will clash with the Royal Engineers in their H.K.H.A. fixture on the U.S.R.C. ground. The Guardians of the Law will have to be on their toes, as the Sappers are quite capable of shattering their unbeaten record.

It will be anybody's game until the final whistle.

THE Umpires Association will hold a meeting at St Andrew's Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow, and the H.K.H.A. Council will meet at 9 p.m. next Tuesday at the European Y.M.C.A. to discuss the International Tournament.

## SOCCER MATCHES CANCELLED

Further matches with Hongkong's Eastern Athletic Association soccer team have been cancelled as a result of a decision arrived at by the football committee of the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation following last night's riot.

The game scheduled for to-night between the Shanghai basketballers and the Manila Gas Corporation team has also been cancelled, pending a meeting of the basketball committee to-morrow.

—United Press.

## Quadrangular Tourney

### British Army Suffers First Defeat

IN THEIR RETURN MATCH in the Quadrangular Tournament, the Indian Army gave Service supporters a rare tonic last Monday when they inflicted first defeat on the British Army 2-1.

## Swimming At Y.M.C.A.

### Army and Navy Support For Water Polo League

A meeting of the European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section was held yesterday under the chairmanship of Mr. C. F. Hyde when it was announced that both the Hongkong Area Sports Board and the Royal Naval Recreation Club had given their support to a Water-polo League which will be held under the auspices of the European Y.M.C.A.

The Army and Navy have also placed their swimming pools at the disposal of the Y.M.C.A. at certain periods for league matches.

Others present were Mr. E. W. Ralston (Secretary of Swimming Section), Mr. A. F. May, Mr. R. Goldman (water-polo captain), Miss S. Baskett (Women's Section), Act-Ldg. Tel. E. F. Paul (representing Naval Section), and P.S.M. W. B. Ure (representing Army section).

It was announced that arrangements in connection with three inter-hong gals to be held during the season were progressing satisfactorily and that over 10 replies had been received from 21 letters sent out. A meeting of inter-hong representatives will be held to-morrow evening in the Y.M.C.A. at 8 p.m. when the gals will be discussed. This meeting will also be held under the chairmanship of Mr. C. F. Hyde.

It was decided to recommend to the Board of Directors that the following swimming fees should be enforced during the summer season.—Members, \$3 per month instead of 2.50; Service members \$2.50 (as before); School-children \$2; Men and Women Non-members \$3.50 each per month; Women members \$1.50; single tickets for non-members 40 cents; single tickets for members 30 cents.

Mr. Goldman said a meeting of the Water-polo Sub-Committee, comprising himself, Messrs A. F. May, L. A. Ben, W. B. Ure, E. F. Paul, J. Bedford and B. H. Jordan would be held on Tuesday to make arrangements for an early start to the League.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Swimming Committee on April 23 to make final arrangements for the first gala on May 14, at 9 p.m.

## St John's Beat Kowloon C.C. In Play-off

St John's will meet Chung Hwa for the B Division League Badminton championship on Wednesday as a result of their fine 6-3 victory over Kowloon last night at Recreio.

The earlier stages of the match saw four sets shared, but Eardley and Kwok and Smith and Wilson consolidated their position and they ran into a 5-2 lead before they dropped their next set.

R. Maynard was an absentee from St John's and G. W. Giffen was brought into the team to partner G. S. Ladd.

Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher lost to H. C. Eardley and B. Kwok 15-21; beat G. W. Giffen and G. S. Ladd 21-2; lost to N. L. Smith and P. Wilson 11-21.

L. Anderson and E. Zimmern lost to Eardley and Kwok 10-21; beat Giffen and Ladd 21-5; lost to Smith and Wilson 12-21.

S. Jones and E. E. P. Guest lost to

It was one of the hardest fought games seen this season, fast and good hockey being the order of the day.

Though the British Army had the better of the exchange in the second period, their forwards were seldom given a chance to settle down due to the first-time tackling of their opponents. It was the best exhibition given by the Indians in the tournament.

From the bully-off to the final whistle it seemed that the Indians had made up their minds to show the Britishers what they could do, and royally did every man respond.

### First Goal

THE first half was fairly even, but the ball travelled from end to end without result. But after the interval, the Indians attacked at once and Amanat Ali opened the scoring within fifteen minutes.

Ten minutes later the Britishers equalised with a good goal following a breakaway. Waldron sent Singleton down the left wing, and the latter centred nicely to Sheehan who made no mistake.

But the Indians, far from being "rattled," took up the offensive again and Faquir Mohamed, with cunning stickwork, beat Anderson to score with a deadly shot which grazed the post as it entered the net. Lofly Dove made a bold attempt to deflect the ball but without avail.

As is often the case when one side does the pressing, the defending side breaks away to score the winning goal.

### Staunch Defence

HOWEVER, in the closing minutes, the Britishers were attacking strongly, and it seemed that they would equalise at any moment, but the Indian defence were not to be caught napping a second time, and they played up remarkably well to repel the vigorous onslaughts.

It was a thrilling game played at an exceptionally fast pace, and the British Army would not have lost had they shown more thrust in front of goal.

They had more scoring chances than did the Indians, but the forwards were prone to pause instead of shooting right away. Clague was a big culprit in this. And even when they did shoot there was little accuracy behind their shots.

### The Better Players

FOR the Indian Army, Ajahb Hussain distinguished himself at left back, and contrived to get through a good deal of work, while Bhug Singh, left half, also gave a fine display.

The forwards were fast and clever, and of these Faquir Mohamed and Amanat Ali with their brilliant stickwork were the pick.

The British forwards were rather disjointed, probably owing to their leader Hitchcock not being available, but Sheehan and Shaw gave their best.

Croston, pivot, was magnificent, his reverse stick checking and tackling being outstanding. Anderson, though at times erratic, supported Neave well at back.

This result, however, has no bearing on the championship, as the British Army were champions prior to their first defeat.

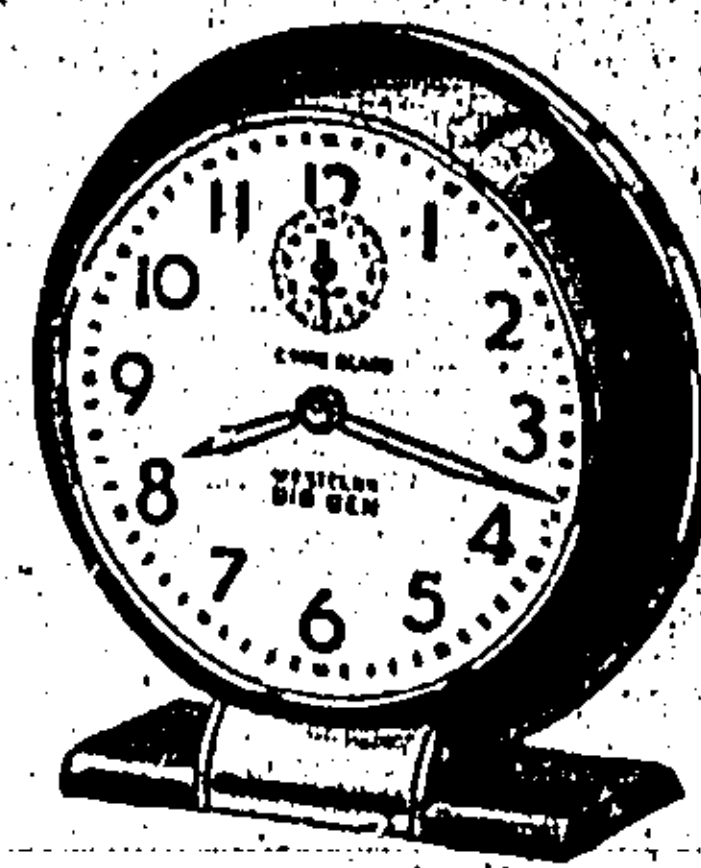
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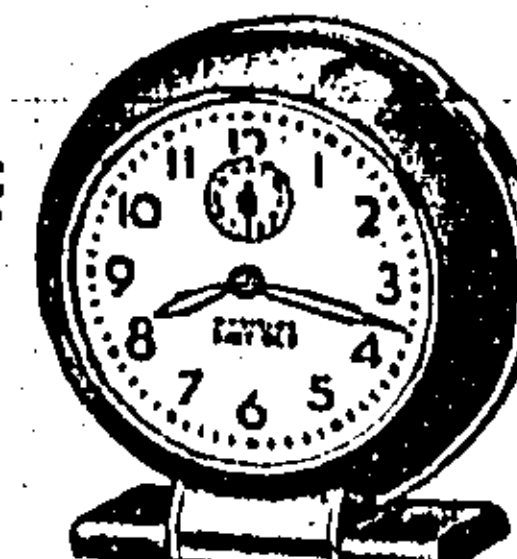
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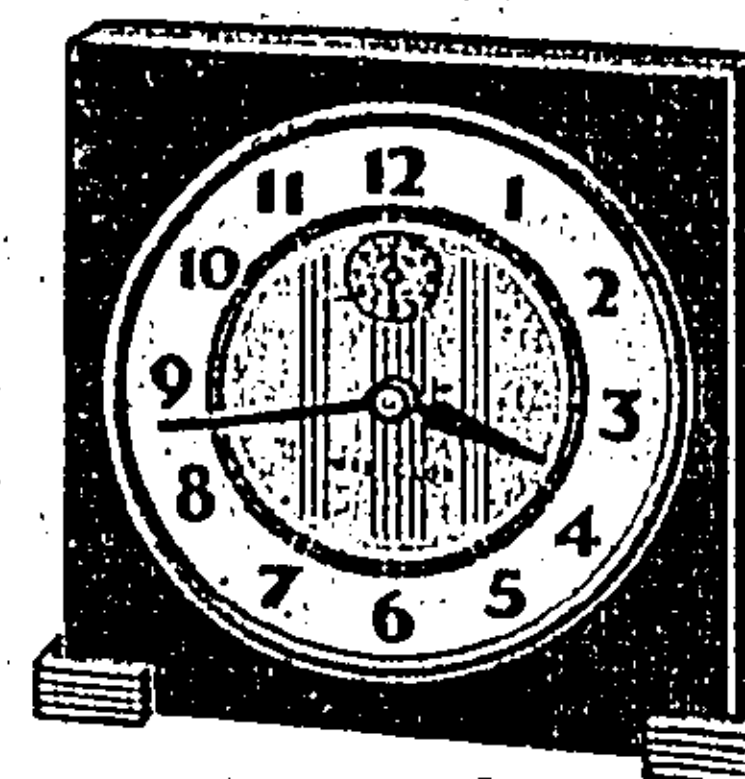


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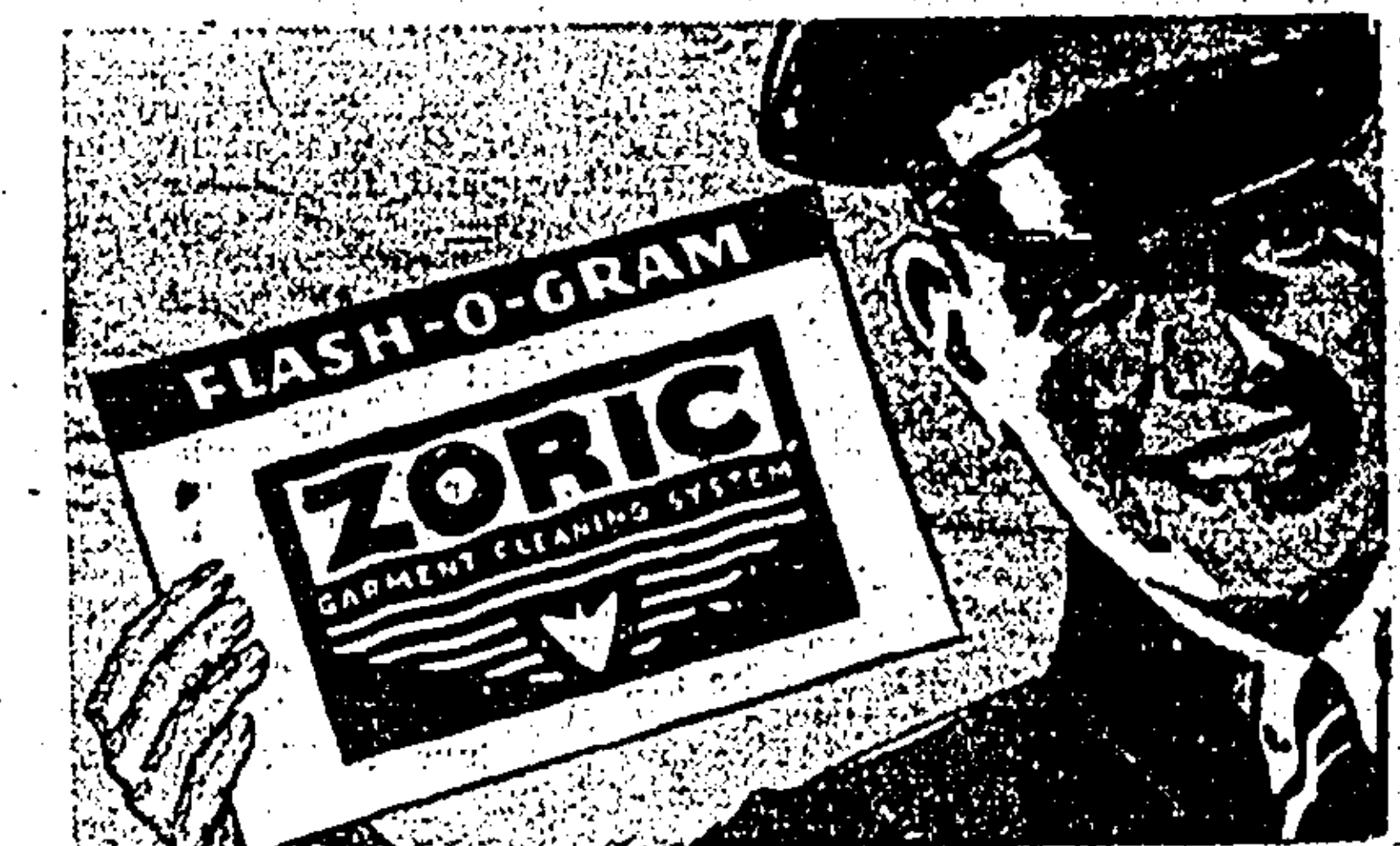
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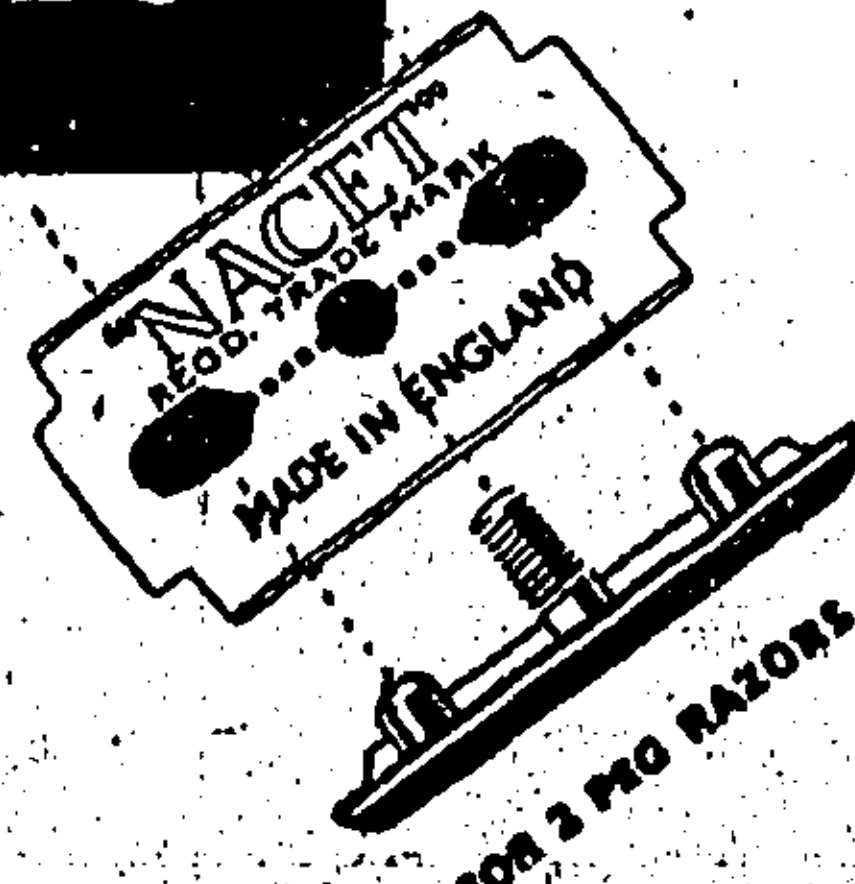
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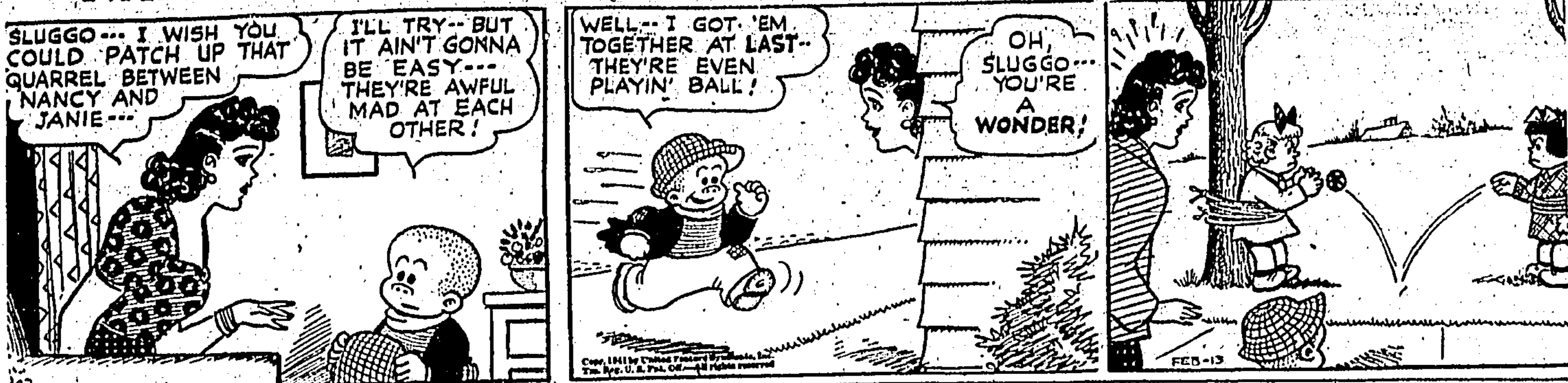
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## Popham In Manila

### Defence Chief Coming Here

Manila, Apr. 2. Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in the Far East, arrived in Manila to-day, landing at Cavite from Singapore in the four-motored British seaplane Astra accompanied by his Chief of Staff, Major-General Dewing and other British officers.

It was the first time in history that a British commercial or military plane had landed in Manila.

Sir Robert and his staff are on their way to Hongkong and expect to leave on Thursday or Friday.

Immediately on his arrival Sir Robert called on Admiral Hart, Commander-in-Chief of the American Asiatic Squadron. Naval circles attach great importance to the conference in view of the increasing Anglo-American collaboration, although British officials say it is merely a routine call between Commanders-in-Chief.

American naval circles have arranged for permission for the plane to land at Cavite where it was met by Admiral Hart's flag lieutenant.

Authoritative quarters declare Sir Robert conferred with East Indies officials at Batavia before he left for Manila and it is therefore expected that the conference in Manila will cover the entire range of Far East defences with a view to collaboration between the British, Americans and Dutch. —United Press.

## Panama Canal Transits

Washington, Mar. 18. Transits through the Panama Canal during 1940 were the lowest recorded since 1935, according to the annual report of the Acting Governor.

The aggregate number of ocean-going commercial vessels passing through the Canal last year totalled 5,058, a decrease of 870 vessels or 15 per cent, as compared with 1939.

The decreased movement of cargo through the Canal in 1940, the report points out, was due to the relatively low level of trade to and from Europe. For instance, trade between Europe and the west coast of the United States and Canada dropped from 4,672,000 tons in 1939 to 2,420,000 in 1940, while the Europe-South American traffic fell off from 2,420,000 tons to 984,000 tons.

Coincident with the large amount of construction now in progress on the Isthmus, the report shows that the amount of local incoming cargo reached a record level at both Cristobal and Balboa during December 1940.

The combined total of 121,548 tons represented the largest amount of local incoming cargo to have crossed the docks of these ports since the Canal was opened to commerce. —United Press.

## REFUGEE STUDENTS

### Donations by Schoolboys

The Director of Medical Services gratefully acknowledges receipt of following donations towards the refugee camp schools:

\$20 from the students of St. Francis School. The School has now paid \$50 in all towards the cost of payment for a teacher of an honorarium of \$10 a month for one year.

\$100 from Mr. G. P. de Martin.

\$65 from the students of La Salle College. The School has now paid \$195 in all towards the maintenance of a class of 45 students in one of the refugee camp schools (at \$255 per annum) for one year.

### Latest Figures

Figures of refugees and destitutes in Government camps for the week-ended March 29, as supplied by the Medical authorities, are printed below with figures for March 22 in brackets:

King's Park 1,308 (1,316); Mataungung 1,400 (1,571); North Point 1,523 (1,528); Morrison Hill 510 (510); Tai Hang Squatters Camp 2,557 (2,557); Ngau Tau Kok Squatters Camp 802 (802); Kam Tin 1,889 (1,793); Fanning Children's Camp 314 (321); total 10,413 (10,407).

### SMALL-POX IN CANTON

Canton, Apr. 1. Many cases of Small-pox are reported to have occurred during the past fortnight among civilians in Canton. —Wah Kiu Yat Po.

## Tokyo Radio Rouses Ire of Australians

THE Commonwealth Government will make a diplomatic protest to Japan against Tokyo radio criticism of Australian troops in Malaya, reports the "Sydney Daily Telegraph."

The radio has described the Australians as "sons of convicts," "raw colonialists," and "undisciplined." Other comments of a similar libellous nature have been made.

The acting Prime Minister of Australia (Mr. A. W. Fadden) said that the matter would be raised with the new Japanese Minister (Mr. Kawal).

In Sydney recently, the Japanese Charge d'Affaires (Mr. Akiyama) made a general repudiation of the Tokyo radio.

He said: "You know all radio announcements are mad."

Federal Ministers take the view that the Japanese Government must accept responsibility for statements against the A.I.F. which were made repeatedly by radio announcers.

### Scurrilous

The Army Minister (Mr. Spender) said last week that the propaganda was scurrilous.

"These unpardonable attacks reflect on our men and on our nation," Mr. Spender added.

"The men of the A.I.F. have always borne themselves with credit to the army and to themselves."

"By their deeds they shall be known, and their deeds have already resounded throughout the world."

"They have brought great lustre to their fighting qualities, discipline, and conduct."

It is expected that the Commonwealth Government will send a long memorandum on the matter to the Australian Minister in Tokyo (Sir John Latham).

## Hongkong Estates

### Women Residents

Local estate sworn under \$35,200 was left by the late Mrs. Amina Rafeek, alias Leung Loi, widow, who died at her residence, 118 Caine Road, ground floor, on January 28 last. A petition by Mr. Abdul Emuran Mohamed Rafeek, import and export merchant, for grant of probate of the will of the deceased, has been granted.

The late Mrs. Ah Mui Jones, otherwise Chan Ah-mui, alias Chan Mui, widow, who died at her residence, 32 Tunglwan Road, Causeway Bay, on December 14, 1940, left local estate sworn under \$70,300. A petition by Mr. Harry Charrington, marine engineer, for grant of probate of the will of the deceased, has been granted.

Local estate sworn under \$40,200, was left by the late Mr. Wong Ping (or Ping) alias Wong Ping-wing, alias Wong Pak-yun (or yan), retired general merchant, who died on February 22, 1940, at his home, 211 Fa Yuan Street, ground floor, Kowloon. A petition by Wong Tang-shi, alias Tang Yuen-oi, first concubine, and Wong Shiu-wa, alias Wong Ching-tung, company director, for grant of probate of the will of the deceased, has been granted.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: There was a certain amount of briskness about the market this morning. As a result of this there was a good turnover in Providents, Lights Old, and Docks the latter touching the \$10 mark. Government 3½% 1934 issue again came to business at 94½.

### Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,345  
Bank of East Asia \$70.50  
Canton Ins. \$225  
Union Ins. \$430  
H.K. Fire Ins. \$187  
Docks "O" \$15.50  
Providents \$5.40  
Hotels X.D. \$3  
Lands \$32.55  
Humphreys \$6.70  
Realities \$3.10  
Trams \$16.50  
Yaumati Ferries \$23.75  
Electricity "O" X. Rts \$26.10  
Electricity "N" \$25.25  
Electricity Rts \$16.20  
Macao Electricity "N" \$18.50  
Macao Electricity "O" \$17.50  
Telephones "N" \$23.30  
Telephones "O" \$9.15  
Cements \$17.80  
Ropes \$7.45  
Dairy Farms X.D. \$17.10  
Watsons X.D. \$9.75  
Entertainments X.D. \$6.30

### Sellers

Docks "O" \$10  
Sales  
H.K. Govt 3½% Loan (1934) 94.50  
Docks "O" \$15.80/10  
Providents \$5.37½/40  
Lands \$33  
Lights "O" \$6.20/25  
Watsons X.D. \$9.75

## Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,751,071.00 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

All Banks, "B" Company, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots (with donation) \$100  
Shropshire Box Sergeants Mess, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots 28.21  
Royal Hongkong Golf Club ("War Fund" Competition) 170  
"Cent A Plane Gang" (Second donation) 41.30  
O.R.A.L. (fourth donation) 81  
"Saturday Night Club" (fourth donation) 7  
Mackintosh's Match Box (March) 11.50  
Anonymous 100  
Treasury "Shropshire Box" (week ended 22.4.40) 3  
The following monthly donations are also acknowledged:

Mr. H. V. Thorne 550  
Miss E. E. Chart 30  
Mr. G. W. K. Crawford 15  
Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Deane 15  
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Mr. T. G. Evans 20  
Mr. John Fast 50  
Major H. G. Robertson 5  
Mr. David Wilson 30  
Mrs. J. C. Binnendijk 25

### Amateur Cinema Club

A meeting of the Amateur Cinema Club was held at the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday, Mr. F. A. Kaufmann presiding. It was proposed that an exhibition of films be held on April 23 and that 60 per cent. of the proceeds go to the Bomber Fund.

According to the Andrian, an Open History Exhibition at Jesus College, Cambridge, has been awarded to K. T. Lindsay, son of the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, from 1919 to 1927.

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## Japanese Troops, Planes Leave Tonkin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
SAIGON, Apr. 2 (UP).—Five thousand Japanese troops and nearly 200 Japanese planes have evacuated Tonkin during the past week for an unknown destination. Meanwhile, the Japanese are replacing the most modern defence guns outside Haiphong with older equipment. The removal of government property from the lost Laos and Cambodia territories is expected to be complete by May 20, when the Thais will most probably occupy the ceded territory.

## Thanks To Hongkong

The following telegram, dated April 1, has been received from Lord Beaverbrook by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, in connection with the contributions which have been cabled home from the Bember Fund:  
"The total of over £100,000 now contributed towards the cost of bomber squadrons by subscribers to the South China Morning Post and Hongkong Telegraph Fund is proof of the outstanding assistance being rendered by the Colony to the Royal Air Force."  
"Will you please convey to all concerned my deepest personal thanks for their inspired and invaluable gift."

## British Officers Describe Victory

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only fire they put up came from Breda guns with tracer shells from anti-aircraft armament.

### Best Night Shoot Ever

Commissioned Gunner Edwards of the Barham described the broadsides as the "best night shoot I have ever seen." He told how for many years the British Navy constantly practised night action.

Captain Cooke spoke in the highest praise of every man in his ship, including the cook, who continued to serve food.

Aboard the Gloucester, I was told how the Gloucester, Orion, Ajax and Perth contacted the enemy warships throughout last Friday while they endeavoured to lure them in the direction of the British Fleet.

The officers of the Gloucester and Orion testified to the good shooting of the Italians. The Gloucester is keeping shell splinters as trophies though these did not scratch her paint-work in falling aboard her.

When the Italians closed in, our cruisers were able to reply and several of their salvoes fell near them. Shortly afterwards the Italian battleship Vittorio Veneto was sighted, approaching full speed with a tremendous bow wave. All her guns were soon trained on our cruiser squadron.

### Crippling Attack

After the battleship had been firing for some time, it was noticed that her range was lengthening. This was when torpedo bombers from the aircraft-carrier Formidable were making their crippling attack on her.

With our battle fleet coming up, the four cruisers were again sent ahead to try and contact the enemy. They succeeded towards evening when the Air Arm was carrying out their dusk attack.

After nightfall our cruisers continued to hunt for the Italian Fleet. Meanwhile our battleships had got in range of the Zara and Flume which were apparently assisting the stricken cruiser Pola.

## NAZI AGITATOR

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cello's murderers for whom von Riehl promised sanctuary in Germany.

### Extraordinary Attitude

The offer was rejected by President Miklas, who said that it was extraordinary for the diplomatic representative of a friendly neighbouring state to act as parliamentarian on behalf of men who had just killed the Prime Minister of the country to which he was accredited.

As the revolt had failed in any case, von Riehl was called immediately by Hitler, who disclaimed responsibility for the uprising. Since then, little has been heard of von Riehl who, however, appears to have been the head of the special section of the German Foreign Office in charge of fifth columns where he enjoyed the high rank of Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

## LATE NEWS

## MADAM: SORRY I CAN'T MARRY YOU

Signed 'Obedient Servant'

THIS letter, to break off an engagement, was read in a recent undefended breach of promise suit at Swansea.

"Madam: From several circumstances which have occurred I feel assured that our marriage would only be productive of mutual misery, especially as I with sorrow perceive that our dispositions are by no means alike.

"Thus expressed, it is best to retreat in time.

"I have therefore to state that I beg permission to decline further intercourse of a tender nature.

"I am, madam, your obedient servant, E. J. Evans."

Damages totalling £110 and costs were awarded to Miss Katherine May Jones, aged 24, seamstress, of Pontardulais, against Emlyn John Evans, an acetylene burner, employed at Swansea.

It was stated that Evans walked out with Miss Jones for four years and gave her an engagement ring last July.

His parents were against the marriage and Evans was stated to have admitted that his mother dictated the letter breaking off the engagement.

## Tea Rained On Holland

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Departing from its pamphlet policy, the R.A.F. recently released over the Occupied Netherlands 75,000 bags of the finest Dutch Indies tea, each containing about an ounce, "Reuter" learns from Dutch sources.

On the label attached to each bag was printed the Netherlands flag with the words: "The Netherlands will rise again. Greetings from the Free Netherlands East Indies! Chins up!"

### Present From Planters

The tea was a present from Dutch Indies tea planters, who asked the

## U. S. Ships For Britain

Discussed By Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt to-day conferred with Rear Admiral Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission, on the question of furnishing ship tonnage for Britain and other phases of the \$7,000,000,000 British Aid Programme.

Later Admiral Land told reporters that he had discussed with the President two categories of the programme, namely the \$620,000,000 appropriation for ships and \$200,000,000 appropriation for repairing warships. The taking into custody of German, Italian and Danish ships in United States waters was not discussed.

### Defence Chiefs Called In

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The three Defence Chiefs—General George Marshall (Chief of Staff), Admiral Harold Stark (Chief of Naval Operations) and Major General Thomas Holcomb (Commandant of the Marine Corps)—were asked to attend the conference.

The Dutch news agency says: "Never have the Dutch people so gratefully received a gift from the Dutch Indies, especially as it is almost impossible to get an ounce of tea in Dutch shops."

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# HINT OF IMPORTANT BRITISH PREPARATIONS FOR BALKANS CAMPAIGN

**Special to the "Telegraph"**  
**LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—**Neutral observers, speculating on the battle of the Mediterranean, to-day said that British preparations for a Balkan campaign in the event of Germany attacking Greece, Turkey or Yugo-Slavia, must be reaching sizeable proportions for Italy to risk sending out of harbour her battle fleet in an attempt to destroy the British convoys plying between Greece and Egypt.

While it is known that Britain has sent large shipments of war supplies to Greece from Egypt, nothing has been revealed regarding the army troop movement.

However, military commentators have long pointed out that the Balkans is the most likely site for any British land offensive against Germany because her friendship for Greece and Turkey will enable the Allies to establish a bridgehead on the continent.

## Matchek To Join Cabinet

**German Stories Of Yugo-Slav Atrocity**  
**BELGRADE, Apr. 2 (UP).—**It is authoritatively stated that the Croats reached an agreement with the Government this afternoon and that M. Matchek will join the Government as Vice-Premier.

**Under Detention**  
**LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—**M. Stoyadinovitch, former Yugo-Slavian Premier is now under British detention on British territory declared Mr R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the House of Commons to-day.

**Atrocity Allegations**  
**BERLIN, Apr. 2 (UP).—**The atrocity story campaign in the German press against Yugo-Slavia continued to grow to-day reaching a high point with the headlines in the Volkischer Beobachter, "The Serbs want to wage in German blood."

In addition to this, the press published other alleged Yugo-Slavian threats to "oust the German dogs in their own houses, take Vienna in two days, and plunder the streets of Marburg with dead Schwabians."

Other refugee stories claimed that British agents are in every Yugo-Slav hamlet, that Jews are distributing money to the student demonstrators, and that a German youth was beaten up for refusing to sing Yugo-Slavian songs.

## MASSAWA Expected To Fall At Any Moment

**CAIRO, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—**The fall of Massawa, the Eritrean naval base on the Red Sea, is expected at any moment, a British military spokesman said here to-night.

After the capture of Asmara, the Italian forces are making no attempt to defend the port. They have taken the main road to the south and are at present in full retreat, closely pursued by the Imperial forces and suffering from hammering by the Royal Air Force.

**No Territorial Ambitions**  
**LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—**"I think that we had better just go on mopping up Abyssinia further," said Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day when asked whether any invitation had been received from the Negus to take over the administration of any part of Abyssinia.

Mr Butler emphasised that the British Government had no territorial ambitions in Abyssinia.

**Eritrea's Fate Sealed**  
**CAIRO, Apr. 2 (UP).—**The military spokesman to-day said that all of Eritrea would soon be in the hands of the British, adding that the Italians are retreating rapidly from Asmara.

## Germany and Yugo-Slavia

**STOCKHOLM, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—**Herr Victor von Heeren, the German Minister to Yugo-Slavia now in Berlin, is not expected to return to Belgrade though official intimation of the rupture of Yugo-Slav-German relations will probably be delayed, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Aftonbladet."

He adds that any German military action will probably require some weeks of preparation.

Meanwhile the uncertainty about the Yugo-Slav situation has compelled Italy to re-group her forces as a precaution against the threat of a new front in Albania, according to the correspondent.

**Statement in Commons**  
**LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—**Cheers greeted Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, to-day in the House of Commons when he said that the Yugo-Slav situation had completely altered his last statement by the establishment, without any internal disorder, of a new government.

Mr Butler added: "The House will have noted with gratification the Order of the Day of General Simovich in which, after asking that false rumours should be ignored, General Simovich said that his Government were pursuing a friendly policy to all their neighbours."

Mr Butler added that the British Government were in full and friendly relations with the new Yugo-Slav Government.



# Nazi Agitator Attempting To Stir up Trouble in S. America

**NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—**Herr von Rieth, who as the former German Minister in Vienna took an active part in the abortive revolt against Chancellor Dollfuss in 1934, recently arrived in South America and is now in Chile, it is learned from circles here in close touch with events in Latin America.

Accompanied by General Niedenfuhr, the South American specialist of the German Secret Service, he is understood to be making it his special business to stir up hostility to the United States in the southern hemisphere.

Herr von Rieth has already made himself conspicuous through his activities in the Argentine where, with the active help of the local German and Italian fifth columnists, he tried to play up to the nationalist feeling of the Argentines against the United States and Britain.

It is recalled that in the first abortive attempt to destroy unity in Austria, Herr von Rieth conspired with Rintelen, then Austrian Minister in Rome, against Chancellor Dollfuss. When on July 25, 1934, Nazi fifth columnists dressed as policemen and members of the Austrian armed forces stormed the Chancellery and shot Dollfuss, von Rieth appeared in front of the Prime Minister's headquarters and openly negotiated on behalf of the insurgents with Dr Fey, Minister of the Interior.

He suggested that the revolt should be called off (it, in the meantime, had failed in the provinces) on condition that the Austrian Government assured the safe conduct of the Chancellor's murderers for whom von Rieth promised sanctuary in Germany.

**Extraordinary Attitude**  
The offer was rejected by President Miklas, who said that it was extraordinary for the diplomatic representative of a friendly neighbouring state to act as purveyor of revolution. The Prime Minister of the country to which he was accredited.

As the revolt had failed in any case, von Rieth was called immediately by Hitler, who disclaimed responsibility for the uprising.

Since then, little has been heard of von Rieth who, however, appears to have been the head of the special section of the German Foreign Office in charge of fifth columnists whom he enjoyed the high rank of Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The next General Meeting of the Hongkong University Science Society will be held on Tuesday, April 8, at 8.30 p.m., in Room "K" of the Main Building when Dr. D. S. W. Ling, Ph. D., will deliver a Lecture entitled "Some Hongkong Sea-shore Animals."

## Reassuring About Inflation

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—**Speaking at a luncheon of the Incorporated Sales Managers to-day, Lord Stamp, head of the Commission investigating internal finances, took a reassuring view of inflation, asserting that a "certain degree of inflation, if properly controlled, will not do the community much harm."

## Peru Stops Nazi News Service

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**LIMA, Apr. 2 (UP).—**The Peruvian Government has cancelled the operating license of the German "Trans-Ocean" news service in Peru, charging it with "distributing news which might perturb Peru's good international relations and offend the national feelings of other countries as well as affect democratic institutions."

## MONGKOK RIOT

**Crowd Injures Indian Constable & Civilian**  
An Indian constable, and a Mr Pascoe, of 111, Prince Edward Road, were injured in a riot at Mongkok last night, when a crowd of Chinese attacked the police officer who attempted to arrest two unlicensed hawkers.

Mr Pascoe was hurt on the right hand and the Indian constable suffering injuries to his head and right knee. Both were treated at the Kowloon Hospital.

The trouble started when the Indian police officer attempted to arrest the hawkers. A crowd gathered around derailing and attempting to stop him from making the arrests. Stones were thrown at him and the situation became so bad that the Indian was forced to draw his revolver and fire a shot in the air.

Mr Pascoe who was passing went to the constable's rescue and eventually the crowd was dispersed. Two Chinese men and a woman were arrested.

# Pope Discusses China War With Matsuoka

**Special to the "Telegraph"**  
**VATICAN CITY, Apr. 2 (UP).—**Reliable sources state that His Holiness the Pope and Mr Matsuoka discussed Russia's relations with China and Japan in connection with the Vatican missionary problem.

These quarters say that Mr Matsuoka expressed regret at the Holy See's policy of supporting Chiang Kai-shek and contended that the Japanese war policy was mainly anti-Communist and was therefore not opposed to the Vatican's principles in combating atheism.

It is believed that Mr Matsuoka suggested that the Holy See should remove any support for China which would tend to aid Russia's position there, as long as Communism implies atheism and emphasised that Japan's interests were not religious and they would always ally Catholic missions.

**Pope's Hope For Peace**  
The Pope expressed his pleasure at Mr Matsuoka's visit and during their conversations, Mr. Matsuoka said that Japan always believes in peace. The Pope is reported to have outlined his peace points and to have expressed the hope that peace might be possible before the spring offensives got under way.

Mr. Matsuoka also reiterated Japan's desire for peace, but emphasised the Japanese military obligations to the tri-Power pact; however, he expressed a willingness to collaborate in an effort to prevent any further bloodshed.

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## Congratulations To Cunningham

**ALEXANDRIA, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—**King George of England to-day sent the following message to Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, C-in-C, Mediterranean Fleet: "My heartfelt congratulations to all ranks and ratings under your command on your great victory."

## Sino-Burmese Railway

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—**The Secretary for Burma and India, Mr L. S. Amery to-day announced in the House of Commons that a new railway will be built with the aid of the British Government from the present railhead at Lashio to the Chinese frontier, linking the Burmese and Chinese railway systems.

# Chungking Desires Cancellation of H. K. Immigration Laws; Kuomintang Request

**CHUNGKING, Apr. 2 (Central News).—**One of the decisions reached at yesterday's meeting of the 8th Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Central Executive and Supervisory Committees was to request the National Government to negotiate with the British Government for the cancellation of the Immigration Regulations now enforced by the Hongkong Government.

It was pointed out that the regulations are prejudicial to the interests of the Chinese in Hongkong and the friendly relations between China and Britain.

**No Comment Available**  
The "Telegraph," through the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith, this morning requested for the comments of His Excellency the Governor on the above message, but it was stated His Excellency is unwilling to make any statement on a question such as this, which must depend on the reply made by His Majesty's Government to the representations of the Chinese Foreign Office.

It is understood that the Immigration Ordinance was one of the subjects informally discussed by the Colonial Secretary during his visit to Chungking in January of this year.

## SINGLE PLANES RAID U.K. Over East Coast

**LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—**Some activity by single enemy aircraft over the east coast of England and Scotland is all that the Air Ministry reports to-night.

At a place in East Anglia and at a village on the north-east coast of Scotland, it says, some damage was done to industrial buildings and there was a small number of casualties of which very few were fatal.

Elsewhere there was little damage and no casualties were reported.

One enemy aircraft was destroyed by British fighters in the morning.

No alert was sounded in London up to a late hour this evening.

## U.S. DEFENCE CONFERENCE

**WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—**In order to accelerate progress with the National Defence and Foreign Aid programmes, President Roosevelt has requested his Secretaries of State, of War, Navy and the Treasury, and Mr Harry Hopkins, who is in charge of the aid to democracy programme, to confer with him this afternoon.

# "Open Door" Is Shut To British Trade In China

**LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—**Questioned about the "Open Door" trade policy in China in the House of Commons to-day, Mr R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) said that the British Government had for some time been watching the trend of Japanese policy towards foreign interests in China and in particular the effect on British trade.

Recently he took opportunity to draw the attention of the Japanese Ambassador to the present state of affairs which the British Government found impossible to reconcile with the past protestations of the Japanese Government about the maintenance of the "Open Door."

Asked by Sir John Wardlaw-Milne whether it was right to assume that the Japanese had now gone back on all their agreements regarding European interests, Mr Butler said: "We have, on one hand, Japanese statements, and on the other hand, the situation as it is now, developing. The Japanese statements say that their policy is unchanged whereas the more we look at the situation the more unsatisfactory we see it to be. That is why we have taken the opportunity to bring the matter to the urgent attention of the Japanese Government."

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Eton College birching block, on which the boys are "swished," is missing. It was in that part of the school which was damaged by a bomb in the recent raid on the college, and, despite a thorough search of the debris, it has not been discovered.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs Dodwell & Co. Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,

**D. W. MUNTON,**

Manager.  
Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

### NOTICE

#### DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad—

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## G. R.

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorized officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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1.0 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Variety with Florence Desmond, Jack Warner and Tommy Handley.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan.

Ruddigore, and the Pirates of Penzance.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—The Talk; "Meet Uncle Sam."

7.30 Variety.

8.0 Local Time Signal, and Announcements.

8.02 Hawaiian Guitar Solos.

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 Debroy Somers Band and Ninon Vallin (Soprano).

Theatre Memories—"The Gaiety"; Intro: When I Marry Amelia, Queen of My Heart, A Little bit of string, Bedelia, Mary, Brighton, They Wouldn't Believe me, 365 Days, Song of the Wanderer, Every Woman Thinks She Wants to Wander, Reckling with you, Debroy Somers Band with Chorus; Dolores (Waldteufel), Ninon Vallin (Soprano) with Orchestra; "Casanova" Selection (J. Strauss), Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan; Veux-tu Parler Un Jour? (Adaptation of Tango—Albentz), Berceuse de Jocelyn (Godeau), Ninon Vallin (Soprano) with Piano and Cello; Ballroom Waltz Memories; Intro: The Skaters, The Choristers, The Cuckoo, After the Ball, Debroy Somers Band.

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

9.30 A Saint-Saens Programme.

Introduction Et Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 28, Rensé Chomet (Violin) with Piano acc.; Le Cygne, Leslie Jeffries and His Orchestra; Softly Awakes My Heart (from Samson and Delilah), Maria Olczewska (Contralto) with Orch.; Septet, Op. 68; Preliminary—Menuet-Intermede-Gavotte and Finale, MM. Foveau (Trumpet), Cantuelle (1st Violin), Bellanger (2nd Violin), Vieux (Viola), Marnett (Cello), Nanny (Double-bass) and Faure (Piano).

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.0 London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."

10.15 Gounod's "Faust" Act III. Characters and Solists in order of their appearance: Siebel, Village Youth, Doris Vane (Soprano); Faust, Heddle, Robert Easton (Bass); Marguerite, Miriam Liddle (Soprano); Martha, Marguerite's Friend, Muriel Brunsell (Contralto) with Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the Symphony Orchestra.

11.0 Close down.

## BRISTOL AFTER THE BLITZ

### Blossoms Hide Ruins

(BY "REUTERS" AIR CORRESPONDENT)

BRISTOL, Apr. 2.—The vibrant city and port of Bristol is as full of energy and promise after six air blitzes as the famous almond avenues now in bloom which soften some of the jagged outlines caused by the war.

I have been behind the scenes of Bristol's blitz life and it seems quite clear that here as elsewhere the Luftwaffe has failed to smash down British resistance.

After suffering as heavy blows, relative to her size, as Liverpool and London, Bristol's economic life is unimpaired.

The weather, murky by day and wild by night, continues to be Britain's chief ally at the moment, preventing the resumption of night attacks on a heavy scale. These were cut short along this extensive base line in the Battle of the Atlantic nearly a fortnight ago.

#### Increase of Population

The resistance to the Nazi air onslaught on this city, whose peaceful population of 500,000 is rising, is not all passive. The R.A.F. quickly chase away inquisitive reconnaissance planes by day and at night A. guns roll like thunder, turning away all but large formations of raiders.

There are two chief reasons why sober-minded Bristolians believe that their city can and will continue to shoulder her great responsibility. There are dockers who I saw turning round ships at Avonmouth in double quick time as compared with before the war and Bristol's air raid personnel, whose organisation is one of the most efficient in the country.

These key workers keep a vast flow of supplies running smoothly from the ships into the railway and rail sidings no matter how intense enemy action may be inside or outside the dockland.

In keeping clear and healthy the very life-blood of Britain's continued resistance, they are constantly aiming at higher efficiency.

## U. S.-MEXICAN DEFENCE

### Use of Airfields

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).

—United States-Mexican collaboration for the defence of the Western Hemisphere is visualised in a message sent by President Roosevelt to-day to the Senate asking it to ratify the new agreement between the United States and Mexico for the reciprocal use of airfields belonging to each nation which was signed here yesterday.

President Roosevelt says that the agreement was concluded in view of the exceptional circumstances which have arisen from the present European conflict, and "takes into consideration the necessity of ensuring the conditions of maximum speed for the movement of aviation required in the defence of the American continent."

"Its purpose is to organise substantial and effective collaboration between the United States and Mexico in the preparations for the defence of the Western Hemisphere."

#### Naval Talks

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (UP).—The Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Harold Stark to-day issued invitations to the naval chiefs of eleven Latin American nations to visit the United States next month and inspect the naval activities on both coasts.

#### STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says:

"The market was a certain amount of briskness about the market this morning. As a result of this there was a good turnover in Providents, Lights Old, and Docks the latter touching the \$16 mark. Government 3 1/2% 1934 issue again came to business at 94 1/2."

#### Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,345

Bank of East Asia \$70.50

Canton Ins. \$225

Union Ins. \$450

H.K. Fire Ins. \$187

Docks "O" \$15.00

Providents \$5.40

Hotels X.D. \$3

Lands \$23.55

Humphreys \$8.70

Realities \$3.10

Trams \$16.50

Yau-mai Ferry \$23.75

Electricity "O" X.R. \$26.10

Electricity "N" \$25.25

Electricity Rts \$10.20

Macao Electricity "O" \$18.50

Macao Electricity "N" \$17.50

Telephones "O" \$23.80

Telephones "N" \$9.15

Cements \$17.80

Ropes \$7.45

Dairy Farms X.D. \$17.10

Watsons X.D. \$9.75

Entertainments X.D. \$8.30

Sellers

Docks "O" \$16

Sales

H.K. Govt 3 1/2% Loan (1934) 94.50

Docks "O" \$18.80/10

Providents \$5.37 1/2/40

Lands \$33

Lights "O" \$8.20/25

Watsons X.D. \$9.75

## Exchange At A Glance

### SELLING

T.T. London 1/2%

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T.T. Shanghai 450

T.T. Singapore 52 1/2

T.T. Japan 102 1/2

T.T. India 82 1/2

T.T. U.S.A. 23 1/2

T.T. Manila 40 1/2

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T.T. Bangkok 140 1/2

T.T. Saigon 105

T.T. France 103

T.T. Switzerland 103

T.T. Australia 103 1/2

### BUYING

4 m/s L/C London 1/3 1/4

4 m/s D/P London 1/3 1/4

4 m/s L/C U.S.A. 23 1/2

4 m/s France 54 1/2

30 d/s India 84 1/2

U.S. Cross rate in London 4.02 1/2

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## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

### BANKS

H.K. Banks 1,350 b.

Union 70 n.

H.K. Banks (H.K.) 70 n.

Chartered 81 n.

Mercantile A. & B.C. 21 1/2 n.

Mercantile C. 10 1/2 n.

East Asia 71 b.

### INSURANCES

Cantons 225 b.

Steamboats 430 n.

China Underwriters 1 n.

H.K. Fire 180 n.

### SHIPPING

Douglas 135 n.

Steamboats 0 n.

Indo-China P. 60 b.

Indo-China D. 60 n.

Shanghai (Beacons) 41/10 1/2 n.

Waterboats 7 n.

### DOCKS ETC.

Wharves 88 b.

Docks (old) 10.05 n.

Providents 5.40 b.

Shanghai Dockyards 28 n.

### MINING

Kallan s/- 16/- n.

Rauks 0 n.

H.K. Mines 1 1/4 cts.

### LANDS

Hotels x.d. 3 b.

Lands 33 b. & sa.

Lands 4% Debentures 97 1/2 n.

Shanghai Lands Sh. 12 1/2 n.

Humphreys 6.80 b.

H.K. Realities 3.15 b.

Chinese Estates x.d. 98 n.

### UTILITIES

Trams 10 1/2 b.

Peaks Tram (old) 7 1/2 n.

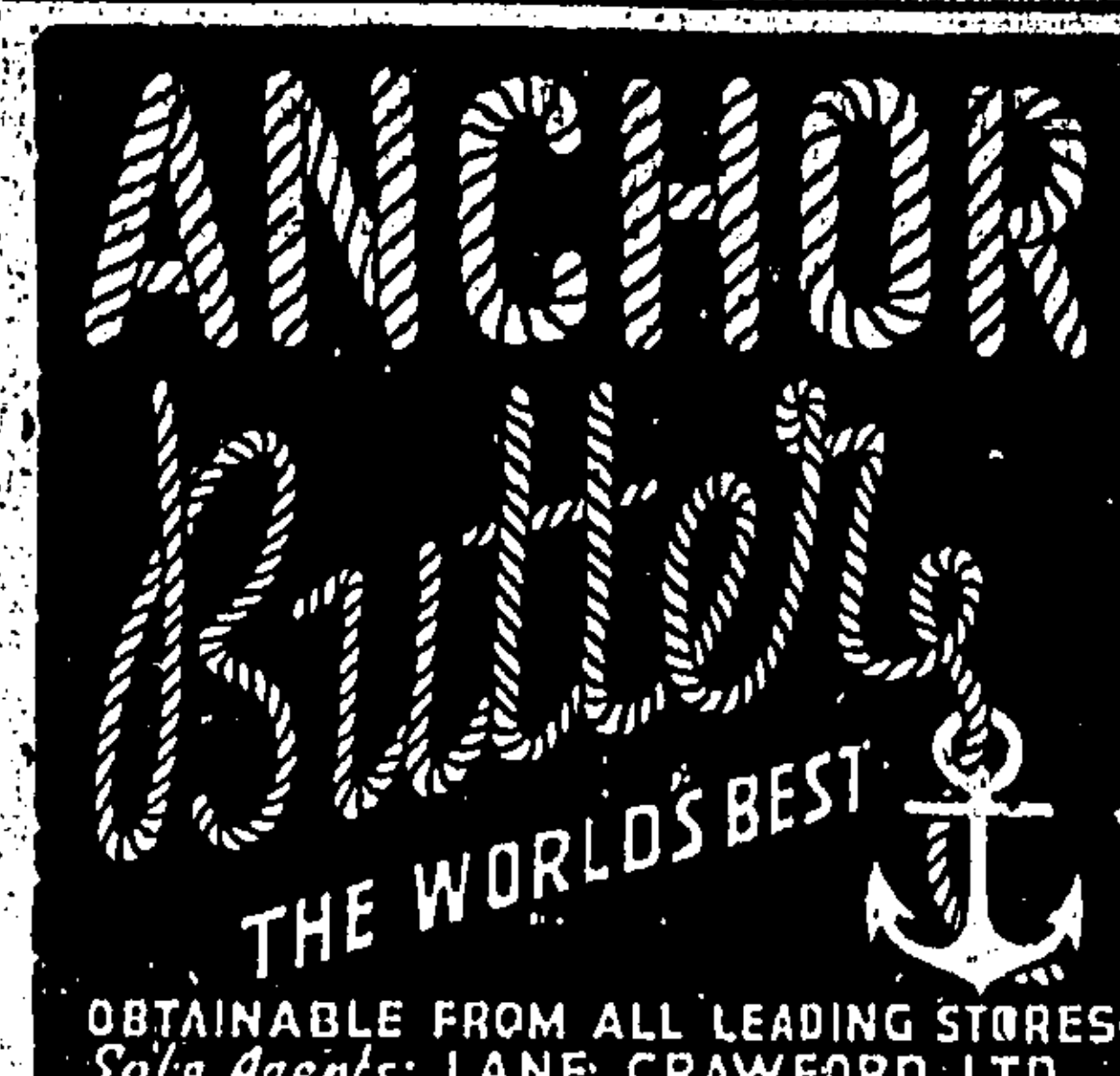
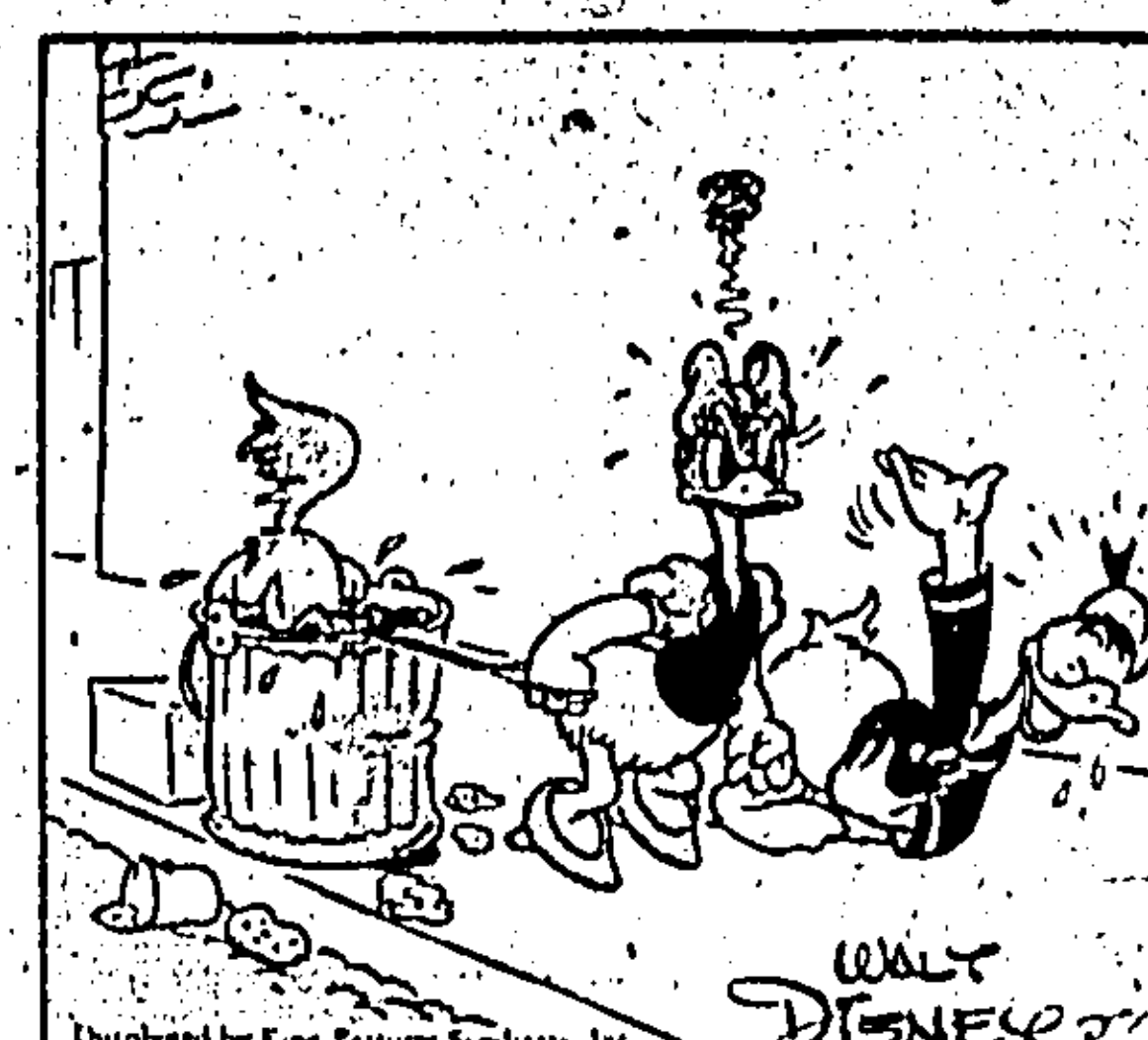
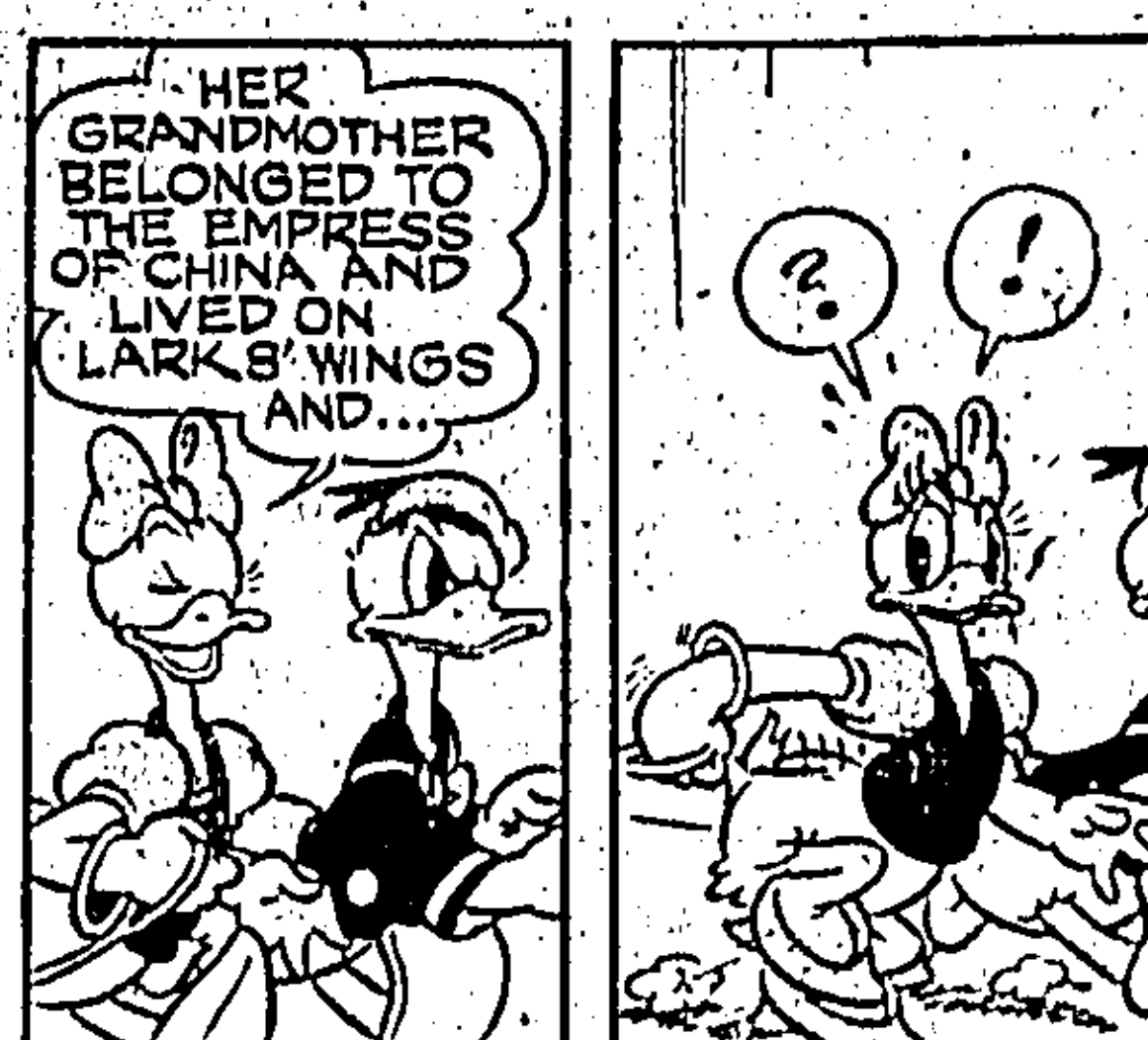
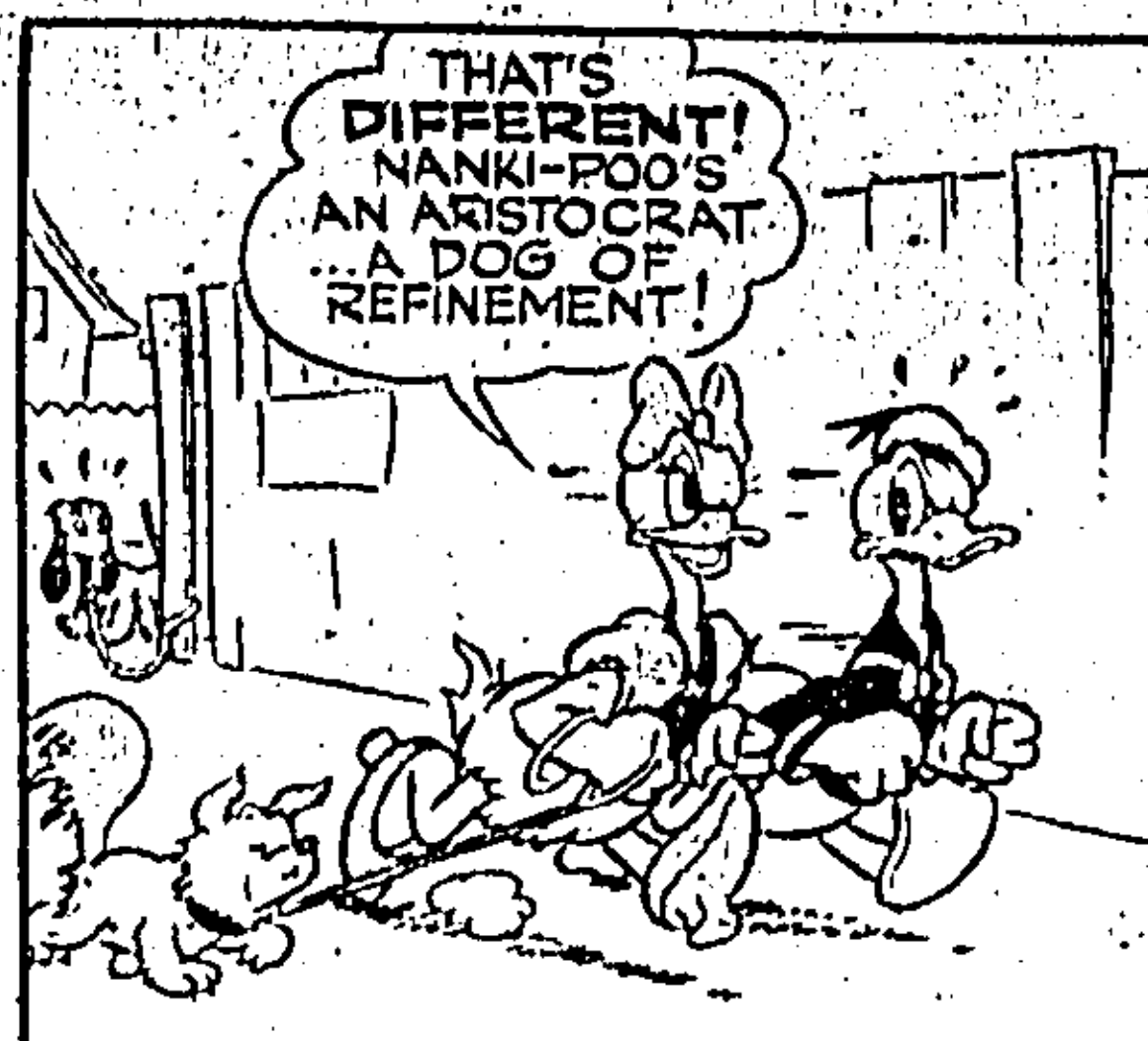
Peaks Tram (new) 3 1/2 n.

Star Ferry 54 1/2 n.



# DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



Continuing H. V. MORTON'S description of

# OUR GREAT NEW ARMY The Truth About The Army Cook

"GOD sends meat, but the devil sends cooks" is a sentiment which has been enshrined in the proverbs of England, Holland and Italy; and probably other countries as well.

Cooking is not an easy art; it is a difficult vocation, and the good food that is so often ruined in the kitchen is proof of it.

Of all branches of cookery that of Army cooking is probably the most difficult, and certainly the most criticised. In the last war I encountered Army cooking that was good, fair and unspeakable.

In the cook-house I found men too dirty and hopeless for ordinary duties, who had been sent there in order to get them out of the way; and I am sure that other soldiers of that period must have met them too.

### Willing To Praise

Then I found good cooks ruined by bad conditions, and others blunted and overwhelmed by the endless character of their task.

It is true, I think, that in order to be a good Army cook a man requires a genuine interest in cooking, organising ability, a reformer's courage, a high standard of conduct, and a sense of responsibility.

In other words, Army cookery is a job that should not be undertaken by a man in order to escape from other less seemingly pleasant, or more arduous, duties: it is hard work, responsible work, and should be tackled with scientific fervour.

Everybody is pathetically anxious that a cook should be good. People are only too willing to praise him. Surely no finer military distinction could be obtained than that of a cook loved by his comrades!

There should be a special decoration for him; or possibly such rare distinction is its own reward!

### Revolution

It is not perhaps known that two years ago a great revolution took place in Army cookery, although I am prepared to hear many soldiers say they have not noticed it.

In 1938 the whole problem was reviewed, and almost enough money was spent, and expert opinion engaged, to reform the cooking of the entire nation.

In that year it was decided to appoint experienced civilian chefs and restaurant experts as instructors at the Army School of Cookery, Aldershot.

A magnificent new building was designed, and was opened a few weeks ago, where 800 pupils can be taught at one time.

The kitchens at this school are modelled on those of a great hotel; but I could not look at the fabulously expensive equipment installed there without wondering if it was not, after all, a scandalous waste of money.

For no ordinary Army cook, having completed his course there, will ever see anything like those gleaming kitchens again.

He will generally find himself in the fatigues basement of a derelict country house.

Still, the critic, appalled by the hotel ranges, the long vistas of precious aluminium, the electric plate-washing machines, the steam-heated tea machines, is silenced by being taken from this ideal world into the open air, where cooks are stirring dioxies on home-made fires and bending with smarting eyes over our old friend, the field kitchen.

So, you see, at the Army School of Cookery the real and the ideal are in close proximity, and all the taxpayer can do is to wonder whether the ideal has not, like Army beef, been over-done.

The theory is that a constant stream of Army cooks shall pass through Aldershot, carrying back an expert knowledge of cookery to their units in all commands.

In theory, every unit that sends a man to the Aldershot course should have no more cookery troubles.

### Stiff Course

The cooks at this school are of several grades.

There is the man who was a cook in civilian life. He is taking a three months' course in order to qualify for tradesman's pay, as laid down in an Army Order of 1939.

This is a stiff course and a man does not usually pass it unless he has had from three to five years' experience of civilian cooking.

Then there are sergeant cooks, emergency cooks, and A.T.S. cooks, all of whom go through a course in real and ideal cookery, spending a portion of their time in the Ritz, as it were, and the rest in the yard outside with the dioxies.

These return to their units to put their knowledge into practice after a course of from five to six weeks.

A new development is a three months' course for hospital cooks.

In addition to practical cookery, messing officers are given a two weeks' course in subjects connected with food, rations and waste; and there should be a messing officer to every unit of 500 men.

How vast is the whole problem of Army cooking can be judged from the fact that out of every 50 men called up, one should be trained as a cook. So that in an Army of 2,000,000 men, 40,000 are cooks!

If cooking is not yet first-class throughout the Army, it is certainly not the fault of the Army School.

Its standards are those of a good hotel, and it is inspired by the reformer's zeal.

To enter this school, still more, to have lunch at the Commandant's table, is to enter a world where Army rations become instantly delicious and appetising, cooked in that aluminium palace and under the scrutiny of chefs in high white caps and check trousers.

But, after all, the test is: do cooks return from the School able to put their knowledge into practice? And, if not, why?

### Orderlies Blamed

There is a story of a sergeant cook who greeted one of his cooks, newly returned from a course, with—

"Well, Brown, and what did they teach you at the school?"

Brown plunged into an earnest account of soups, entrees, roasts, sweets and a number of fancy attainments.

"Well, forget it," said the sergeant, "and go and peel them spuds!"

Whether there is any truth in this story or not, it suggests that a cook returning from a cookery

course may be either chilled or encouraged!

Cooks, with whom I have discussed Army cookery, say that the problem is not how to cook the food, but how to get it in good condition from the kitchen to the men.

Some cooks blame mess orderlies for making good food unappetising by slopping out a spoonful of potato, piling cabbage on top, flinging out a slice of meat and adding a generous splash of gravy to the mixture.

I should have thought that troops could have dealt with this in their own inimitable way.

Other cooks say that bad cooking conditions and the perpetual grind get them down.

"If you could see the dinners of a thousand men!" said one. "Imagine the potatoes alone! It's very easy to get the wind up when you're cooking in the Army, and because you're afraid of being late, starting too soon and over-cooking everything."

But surely the cook who gets the wind up ought to be given a change of employment in these days when the Army claims to find the right man for the right job!

The more you examine the question of cooking in the Army, the more you realise that something which is supremely simple in theory becomes in practice exceedingly difficult.

Almost everybody has been blamed for this, from the colonel and the orderly officer down to the man who lights the cook-house fire; yet none of these is really a convincing scapegoat.

### Hope

It may be that the improvement in cooking which, I am told, is perceptible in spite of all that I have said, may eventually spread from the School of Cookery right through the Army.

That, at least, is the pious hope of the reformers.

And I can tell Army cooks that, as a reward for their zeal, it is possible that one of these days they may be granted the right to put up an attractive arm-badge. This is the new crest of the Army School of Cookery.

Its history is as follows. Some months ago the Commandant, thinking that Army Cookery deserved a distinctive badge, sent up to the War Office a rough sketch showing an electric stove above a wreath of bay leaves.

### Award It!

When it arrived at the War Office, an adviser in catering objected to it because the stove was not of the most modern pattern.

The design then came to Garter King at Arms, who said that the stove was not sufficiently archaic! He therefore designed a new crest.

This shows a circle containing a conventional Greek cooking-pot surrounded by golden flames, and on top of the circle is the Crown, and below is a wreath with the motto "Escam in tempore"—food in time.

This attractive crest is, so far as I know, the only new one granted to the Army since the War.

It would be a good move if the War Office would permit cooks to wear it.

At the moment they can sink about unidentified by their critics.

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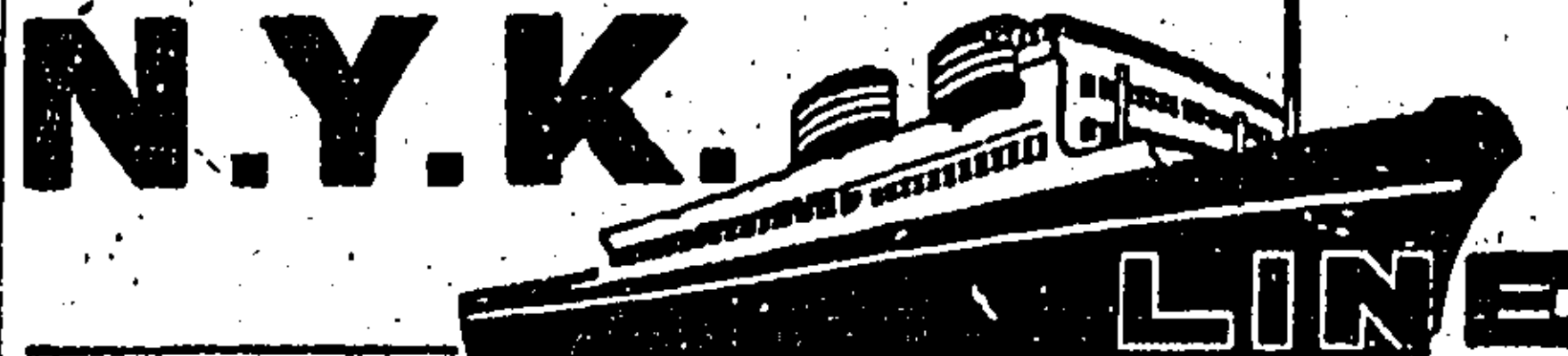
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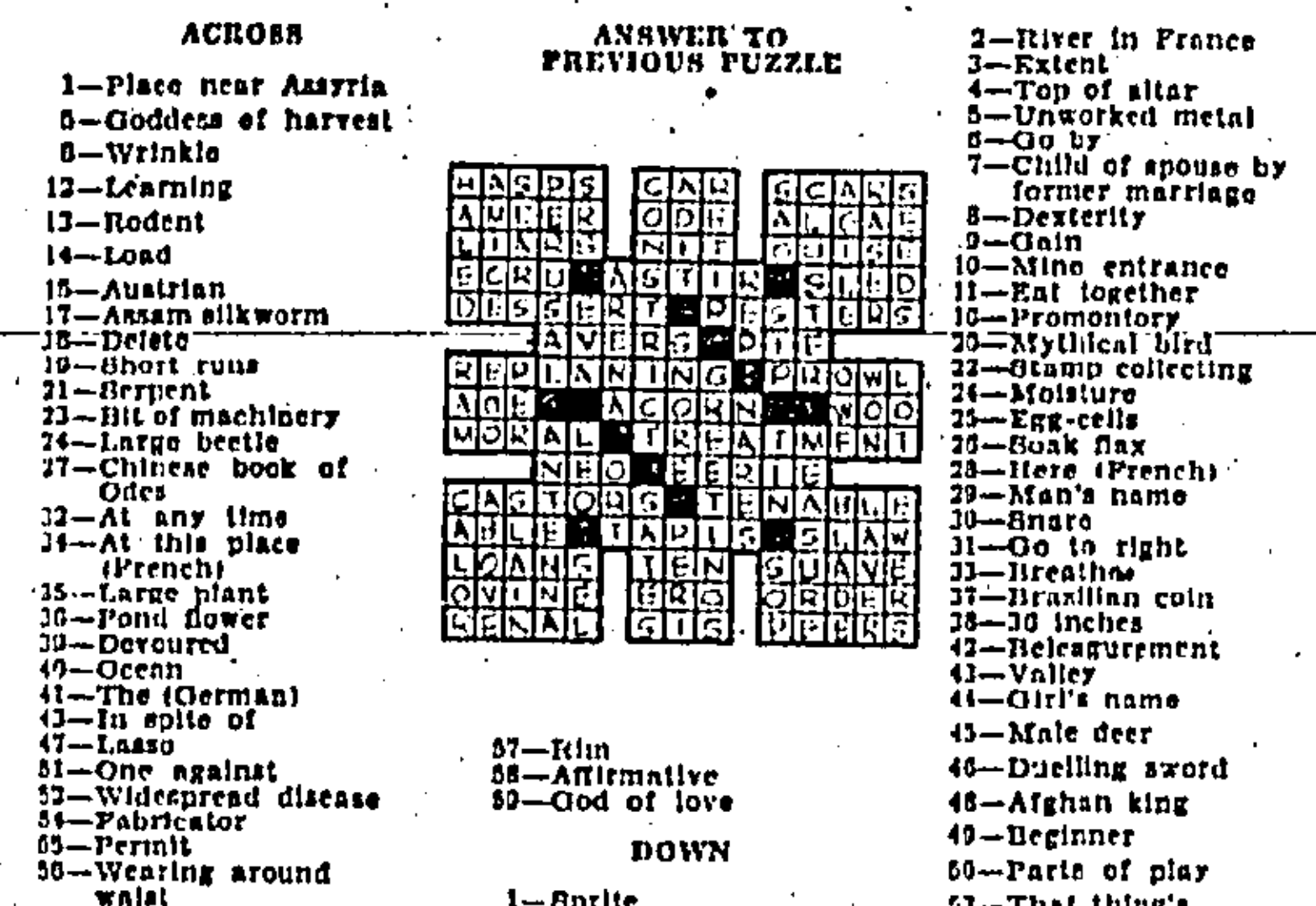
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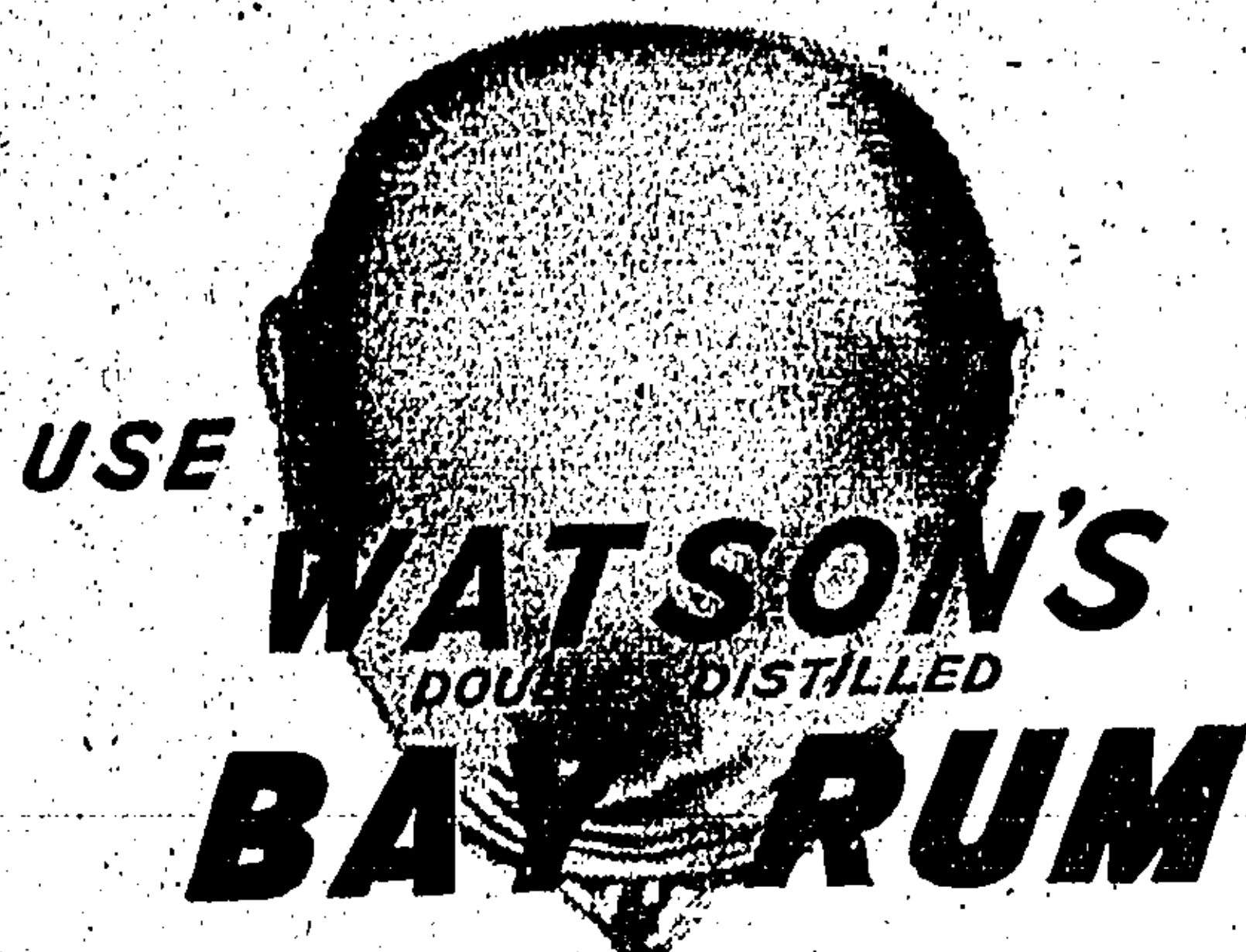
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**GOVERNMENT HOUSE**

GOVERNMENT House, for 89 years the official residence of His Excellency the Governor, and a prominent island landmark, is in the process of disintegration. It is no longer fit for habitation. The unpleasant news is dramatised by the swift progress of the damage—in less than three months the building has become a mass of cracks and broken masonry. Similarly disturbing is the cause for such a state of affairs. Old age has possibly made some contribution, but primarily the building has been the victim of the Colony's defence preparations.

Forty feet below Government House has been constructed an A.R.P. tunnel. In consequence of this work the Government House grounds have suffered a subsidence and the effect upon the Governor's residence has been devastating. The subsidence is continuing and at the present time there is scarcely a room unaffected. In some parts the walls have been split from top to bottom; the wall in one upstairs room has come apart and daylight now permeates through a two-inch crack; a water pipe in the gardens has been forced out of position and the stone steps leading down to the lower levels of the grounds have been thrown out of alignment. From its appearance, Government House might well have been the victim of an earthquake.

The building is manifestly unsafe and it appears that His Excellency must seek elsewhere for an official residence; this is hardly the happiest form of welcome which could have been made to Sir Geoffrey upon his return to the Colony. If expert technical opinion is agreed that the boring of the A.R.P. tunnel beneath the house is the principal reason for the damage, the matter calls for strict official investigation.

It is now certain that Government House is beyond repair, and when normal times return to the Colony, the question arising will be what to do with such a valuable site. The obvious alternative appears to be either to build new Government offices or to use it for the construction of our much needed city hall, museum and library. This, however,

I BELIEVE Hitler's Germany has passed its peak and is on the decline. I believe Hitler has lost the war.

Those two sentences sum up my conclusions, based on an objective study of the internal situation in Germany—a study made at first hand and facilitated by all the freedom to see and hear for myself that I enjoyed as a neutral.

I do not expect a sensational crack-up, but crevices will appear.

Hitler is still regarded as a wonder man and miracle worker who will find some magic manner to cross the English Channel and smash Britain. He is not close to German hearts like "Uncle" Hermann Goering.

Hitler is above that. He is the Germans' god.

I have to report that there was no noticeable evidence whatever in Germany while I was

# HITLER HAS LOST ALREADY

**By Edwin Hartrich**

Formerly Berlin Correspondent of The Columbia Broadcasting System

there of any anti-Hitler movement. If there are any Communists I did not see or hear them. There was no unrest or sabotage of which I heard.

Of course, there were strikes in the Rhineland when workers protested against lack of sleep caused by R.A.F. raids, but the Nazis were quick to deal with them.

THE intelligent German takes official Nazi statements with large doses of salt, but the average man seems to believe them, as far as I could see. The German is essentially a patriot. He does not entertain any bitter hatred against the English, but has been told so often that this wicked

man, Winston Churchill, brought home to them the backed by Jews, has caused grim fact that two can play the war that at present he believes it.

Whether he will continue first R.A.F. raid on the Nazi class military defeat is doubtful.

When I say that I believe Hitler has lost the war I mean the Nazi regime and its leader and not necessarily Germany itself.

Here are some reasons to support that conviction. First, to win this war, Hitler must successfully invade and conquer England, Scotland, and Wales.

Second, he must do this soon before the year is out.

Third, because of the premier objective in this war, all other military successes elsewhere will not answer the demands of the German people.

Fourth, if Britain is able to repulse a major invasion attempt by the Germans Hitler has definitely lost the war.

However, despite the last consideration I have to report that Germany has resources to survive a long war, perhaps two years at the most, before an internal collapse would set in.

NEUTRAL observers, foreign military and naval attaches in Berlin, as well as the German people at home, wonder night and day why a blitzkrieg invasion was not launched in late August or September against England. With each passing day our puzzlement grows.

In late August we American correspondents were waiting from day to day for the war to move to its culmination of an invasion of Britain. We heard reports that the date had been set for August 15, then September 1, and then September 15. The German civilian population had been told that Britain was about to succumb to the German power and might on the day that the Fuehrer chose to push the button.

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## Sad Plight of Refugee Jews in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, which for nearly a century has been a frequent city of refuge, has again assumed that role, and for two years now, has been the chief haven for Jews from central Europe.

Repeatedly this great city of the east absorbed countless thousands of streaming refugees to its doors who were escaping from China's troubles, and for several years after 1917, Shanghai was the harbour for thousands of Russians fleeing from the new regime in their homeland.

Since the anti-Semitic outburst in Europe reached its present intensity, nearly 20,000 Jews, chiefly German and Austrian, have landed in Shanghai's Bund, and have made their homes here.

Historical records show that China once before, 1,900 years ago—was a refuge for Jews. These ancient records indicate that Jewish refugees came to China probably soon after A.D. 34 as a result of Babylonian persecutions.

Since Shanghai was probably the only place in the world where Jews were able to come without visas, this city soon became known to Jewish circles throughout the world as the place where freedom could be obtained.

However, when Jewish immigrants began to stream into Shanghai, they started to settle in Hongkew, Shanghai's Japanese-controlled "Little Tokyo," where freedom was presumably least guaranteed. Thus Hongkew, home of some 20,000 Jews, now has its own "Ghetto," with Jewish shops, cafes and industries.

The reason the Jews settled in Hongkew is simple to explain: there, food, rent and clothing are far cheaper than in other parts of Shanghai where foreigners live. Some Jews estimate expenses there at 60 per cent. less than at the International Settlement and the French Concession. Moreover, Jews found little infringement of their activities forthcoming from the Japanese.

### Immigration Bar

However, as the stream of Jewish immigration swelled into torrent—there were 15,000 by August 1939—the Japanese decided it was time to raise the bars. An immigration regulation adopted on Aug. 11, 1939 with the agreement of the Municipal Council and the French Concession Council, provided that all German Jews, who were distinguished by the letter "J" on their passport, would be prohibited entry into Shanghai unless they possessed \$400 in United States currency or have relatives with jobs in the city.

This barrier was too great for many to surmount, but still the stream continues. An estimated 30 to 60 arrive in every vessel from Dairen after having crossed Asia on the trans-Siberian railway. Shanghai is not an ideal site for a Jewish colony. Since China is a land where the white man ordinarily does not do manual labour, many unskilled Jews lack the possibility of going to work. Meanwhile, Shanghai's business, curtailed by the Sino-Japanese war, offers little possibility of employment.

And the fact the Jews are virtually forced by circumstances to live in Hongkew under some apprehension of Japan, Germany's tripartite Ally, also is of no help to their living conditions. Many Jews are also handicapped by a defeatist psychology after many months of browbeating in Europe, and most of the Jews are of English, the universal business and professional language in Shanghai.

### Early Jewish Pioneers

Before the onrush of German Jews in Shanghai, this city was already the home of many Jews from many parts of the world, with Russian Jews constituting the largest numbers. In the days of the European persecution, when relatively few Jews went to Shanghai, these longtime residents contributed much in putting the newcomers "on their feet."

However, with the rapid increase in numbers, many of them papered by German authorities, the support of the Jews became a financial problem, and committees were established to deal with it. Soon outside help was called on, and New York's Jewish Joint Committee began contributing the bulk of the support for Shanghai's Jewish immigrants. By the end of 1938, hundreds of Jews were subsisting mostly on the committee's allotment of U.S.\$3.30 per person a month.

By July, 1940, local committees were keeping 2,200 Jews in refugee camps, serving 8,143 meals daily with the cost per person varying from one Chinese dollar in the summer to \$1.36 in the winter (roughly six and eight cents, American, respectively).

Heartening Shanghai committees, however, is the fact some of the refugees are finding places in private business, while others are establishing their own, although it is admitted that some of the refugees are mentally and physically unable to adjust to fit in normal society. The committees are also heartened by several community projects, such as a Jewish hospital and a modern, well-equipped school.

THE general line of propaganda at the moment is: "At the proper time to be decided by the Fuehrer himself, the attack against England will be started. The date has been set thin prophecy or explanation has for August 15, then September 1, and then September 15. The German civilian population had been told that Britain was about to succumb to the German power and might on the day that the Fuehrer chose to push the button.

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THE more the Nazi propaganda strayed from the military situation into the name-calling, nose-thumbing stage, the less respect and belief it commanded in public circles.

The people have been focused on one objective—the physical conquest of the British Isles. Propaganda and reporting have been grooved to promise that when the Germans conquer Britain then they have won the war.

This has its boomerang possibilities. For unless Britain is invaded, and soon, unless Britain is conquered, there will be a day when the scales began to slip from the eyes of the people. That day lost the war.



# Signals And Sappers Prominent In Capture Of Asmara

(“Reuter’s” Correspondent In Eritrea)

ASMARA, Apr. 2.—It took three months of the fiercest fighting of the war in Africa to reach Asmara, the capital of Italy’s oldest colony. The city stands on a great 7,000-foot high plateau protected on all sides by diminishing ranges of hills. Our troops advanced more than 250 miles across country designed for defence, stubbornly pushing back an enemy of more than twice their number.

The Italians had the advantage, through native troops used to the country. They are renowned fighters but their spirit was broken at Keren, and at Asmara the Italian High Command appeared to pin its faith on the crack Savoy Grenadiers and other white troops freshly brought from Addis Ababa but these quickly crumbled before the dash and determination of our forces.

The Eritrean campaign has virtually terminated before the rains come and the tremendous energy of the General Commanding the operations who, although he drove the troops hard, never found the response lacking.

For the greater part of the time, our men were fighting on the tops of steep hills two, three or four thousand feet high, yet they were always plentifully supplied with water. All whom I asked said that the rations were astonishingly good.

The Signal Corps performed extraordinary feats throughout the campaign. During the Battle of Keren alone they laid 300 miles of wire, keeping it in order over ground constantly swept by machine-gun fire and mortars.

The Sappers also were unusually prominent since the rapid advance depended upon the speed with which they cleared the railway blocks in the road. At all but one of these blocks they had to work under fire, yet they cleared them within 12 hours.

## Battalion Destroyed

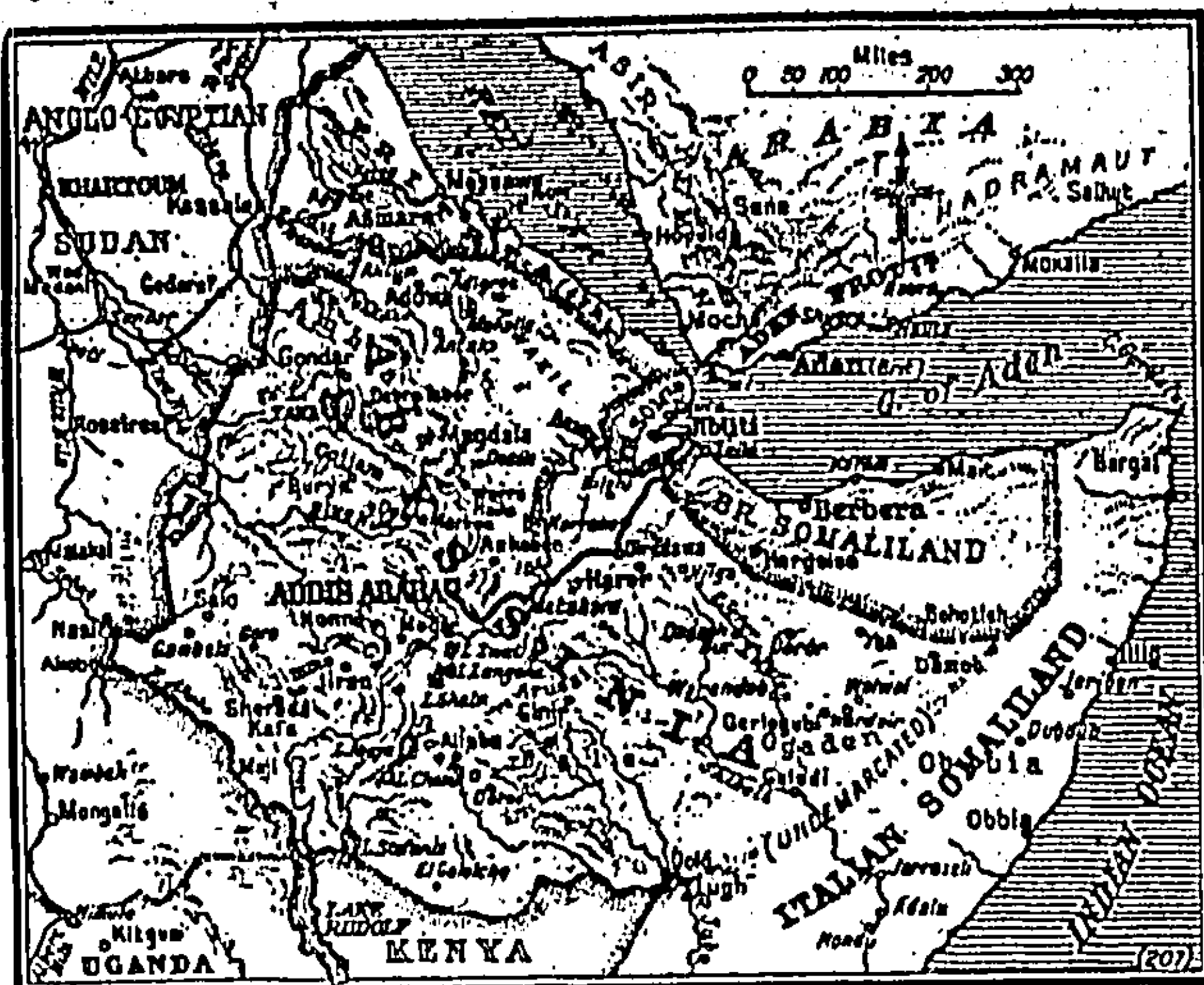
In breaking through the fourth road block encountered, our troops destroyed a battalion of Savoy Grenadiers. Seventeen officers and 500 men were captured, including the Colonel, who was found hiding in a ditch.

Over 100 Eritreans were taken. Our armoured vehicles advanced along the road to Asmara. Indian troops ranged over the hills on both sides pushed the Italians off the heights and simultaneously another mobile force advanced down the railway six miles to the south.

The capitulation of the capital was the sequel.

## 580 DIVORCES IN 34 SECONDS

Decrees granted in 580 matrimonial suits were made absolute by Mr Justice Henn Collins in the Divorce Court recently in 34 seconds.



# British Officers Sent To Polish Camp

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Seven hundred British officer prisoners of war in Germany have been transferred to camps in Poland possessing inferior amenities on the ground that conditions in an officers’ prison camp in Canada did not conform to the Prisoners of War Convention.

This was revealed by Mr R. Law, Financial Secretary to the War Office, in the House of Commons today. Mr Law said that enquiries had shown that the allegations regarding the Canadian camp were completely unfounded and that the camp had been favourably reported on by the International Red Cross.

Strong representations, Mr Law added, had been made to the German Government which he hoped would result in the return of the officers to their original camp.

## Italian Apologia (By “Reuter’s” Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, Apr. 2.—The apology issued by the Italian authorities explained away the crushing defeat of the Italian Navy off Cape Matapan as a naive document which shows how completely the Italians are deceiving or attempting to deceive themselves.

It admits the losses, which could not be concealed because the survivors of the crews are in British hands, but says nothing about the damage to the Vittorio Veneto which may or may not have got home.

Indeed it conveniently overlooks the presence of this fast super-battleship and two other battleships of the Cavour class, and only speaks of light units which were out-gunned by heavy but much slower craft. It somewhat lamely attempts to make capital out of the fact that they did not use their superior speed “for reasons of an important character” which are not specified, but there is silence regarding the British claim that they were lamed by the British torpedo attacks from the air.

The statement also passes over in silence the fact that German aircraft fired upon the British vessels engaged in rescue work.

# British Officers Describe Great Naval Victory

(“Reuter” With Mediterranean Fleet)

ALEXANDRIA, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Eye-witness stories of the great Mediterranean battle were given “Reuter” to-day by officers in the battleships Barham and Valiant and the cruiser Gloucester.

These made clear that the lightning broadsides from our battleships nipped in the bud any hopes the Italians may have had of hitting back. The Italian cruisers, Zara and Fiume, received broadsides from the Barham and Valiant within a few seconds of sustaining direct hits from the Warspite.

Captain G. C. Cooke of the Barham compared the battleships which used six-inch as well as 15-inch guns to a “team of three perfectly trained boxers.” The Barham’s first broadside scored a direct hit under the bridge of one cruiser and the second caused a series of explosions.

As this cruiser then began burning furiously from bow to stern, the Barham shifted her fire to the second ship in the line which was already burning. She received a broadside near the waterline. The fire aboard her became so fierce that a further target was sought but none was found.

An eye-witness said that the cruiser’s guns remained pointing fore and aft throughout the action. The only fire they put up came from a few guns with tracer shells from anti-aircraft armament.

## Best Night Shoot Ever

Commissioned Gunner Edwards of the Barham described the broadsides as the “best night shoot I have ever seen.” He told how for many years the British Navy constantly practised night actions.

Captain Cooke spoke in the highest praise of every man in his ship, including the cook, who continued to serve food.

Aboard the Gloucester, I was told how the Gloucester, Orion, Ajax and Perth contacted the enemy warships throughout last Friday while they endeavoured to lure them in the direction of the British Fleet.

The officers of the Gloucester and Orion testified to the good shooting of the Italians. The Gloucester is keeping shell splinters as trophies though these did not scratch her paint-work in falling aboard her.

When the Italians closed in, our cruisers were able to reply and several of their salvoes fell near them. Shortly afterwards the Italian battleship—Vittorio—Veneto—was sighted, approaching full speed with a tremendous bow wave. All her guns were soon trained on our cruiser squadron.

## Crippling Attack

After the battleship had been firing for some time, it was noticed that her range was lengthening. This was when torpedo bombers from the aircraft-carrier Formidable were making their crippling attack on her.

With our battle fleet coming up, the four cruisers were again sent ahead to try and contact the enemy. They succeeded towards evening when the Air Arm was carrying out their dusk attack.

After nightfall our cruisers continued to hunt for the Italian Fleet. Meanwhile our battleships had got in range of the Zara and Fiume which were apparently assisting the stricken cruiser Pola.

# Axis Ships Protest Is Rejected

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has decided to reject the German and Italian demands for the release of seized Axis ships, it is understood. Asked at a press conference whether there was any present intention of releasing the ships as demanded by the Axis protest Note, Mr Hull said that he had not heard of it in Government quarters.

When the United States replied to the protests, he added, the State Department would probably take up with the Italian and German Embassies the question of publishing correspondence.

Italy’s Action In 1915  
LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The right of the United States under international law to requisition 20 Italian, two German and 20 Danish ships of which the authorities took charge on Sunday, was maintained by Professor Goodhart, an authority on international law, broadcasting to-night in the B.B.C. home news.

Every nation has the right, if it is in pressing need of ships, he said, to requisition foreign vessels in its territorial waters, subject to payment of fair compensation.

Italy in 1915 seized 87 German ships although the countries were then at peace. Portugal, Brazil, Peru and Spain took similar action.

# IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF WAR No Necessity Yet

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The formation of an Imperial War Council, consisting of the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the Dominions, Southern Rhodesia or their representatives, a representative of the colonies and protectorates, was suggested by Lord Elibanks in the House of Lords to-day.

Viscount Cranborne, Secretary of State for the Dominions, intimated that the Government opposed the suggestion as not at present practicable or possible. He added that there were doubtless circumstances and situations in which a conference of Dominion Prime Ministers might be of the utmost value.

A point might be reached in which we might be able to look more into the future than at present and at such a moment, an Imperial Conference might be essential. In the Government’s view, that moment had not yet come but should the situation alter so as to make it possible to have such a conference, the Government would heartily welcome it.

# Near East Bombing

South Africans Drive Off Italians

CAIRO, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The bombing of enemy aerodromes in Tripolitania and South African Air Force activities in Eritrea and Abyssinia are features of an R.A.F. communique.

It says that the R.A.F. continues to give active support to the successful operations of our ground forces in Eritrea. South African fighters intercepted and drove off a number of Italian planes in the Asmara area. In Southern Abyssinia, South African aircraft attacked enemy communications and defences and various kinds of transport between Awash and Adama.

Motor transport was also bombed and machine-gunned at many other places.

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## "Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

### Encouragement For Beginners

#### Short Apprenticeship Before Rudiments Are Mastered

FEW GAMES are so easy to learn as hockey. The beginner is not faced with the prospect of a long and hard novitiate or constant and assiduous striving for a standard that is not to be had until some distant future date. His experience will not be that of a tennis player, for instance, who must battle through ten years of tournament play—or so I am told—before he can achieve first-class form.

At the most it will be only three or four years before he is at his best. In his first season he will attain a proficiency that is possible in few other games. The fact is that hockey is a natural game. One of the games that come easily to one who has the ordinary physique, a good eye and average intelligence. It is as easily learned as football, and more easily played.

The cricketer's transition from that game to hockey is without violence, for the main strokes of one are common to the other. The Association footballer, too, passes to hockey almost as readily, so akin are the general outlines of the two games.

But simple as hockey is to learn and play, the beginner will serve a pleasant apprenticeship, and more quickly overtake the skill he desires by starting out right; by being grounded in the rudiments, by early acquiring a knowledge of the strokes used and the best manner in which to use them.

#### How To Change Places

THE changing of places is often carried out between an inside and an outside forward, a centre and an inside forward, and a half, and a back.

Imagine a winger, to reach a badly delivered pass, going forwards a few yards, drawing with him the oppos-

ing half-back. Then is the time for the inside man to move behind his winger, to the vacated position. A return pass thus often finds the outer man unmarked, and much progress can be made down the wing. But this movement to be effective must be done quickly.

A centre-forward for various reasons, dribbles the ball occasionally towards the inside men, and as he does so these latter should see at once whether they are likely to be crowded out and if so move into the centre.

Halves and backs, too, change, as, for instance, when the winger has got away from the half, the back advances to tackle, and the half then drops back and behind to take up the defensive position.

These are but a few of the moves that a beginner has to learn, and they are as simple in theory as they are in practice.

### Bisley Meeting Results

#### Changes In Programme

Results of the second day of the Bisley meeting of the Rifle Association at Kowloon City yesterday were:

**Open prize list—**1. Sgt. Chalmers (23), 2. Pte. Crofts (23), 3. Pte. Williams (23), 4. Pte. Williams (23), 5. Pte. Williams (23), 6. Pte. Williams (23), 7. Pte. Williams (23), 8. Pte. Williams (23), 9. Pte. Williams (23), 10. Pte. Williams (23).

**Certain changes in to-day's programme are announced. They are:** Company Middlesex D Company will fire their Company Match Competition on A-Range at 9 a.m. Royal Scots B Company and Royal Scots Headquarters Company will fire their Company Match Competition on A-Range at 9.30 a.m.

**Platoon Match—**The Platoon Match will start at 10 a.m. instead of 9.30 a.m. and all details will be half an hour later than originally shown. Practice and Pool—The Practice and Pool Shoot will not take place from 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., but there will be Practice and Pool Shooting from 2 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. immediately before the final of the Association Service Rifle Championship which will start at 2.30 p.m.

### K. C. C. Teams For Saturday

#### Cricket League Games

The following teams will represent the K.C.C. in cricket league matches on Saturday.

First eleven, at home to the C.S.C.C.: E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, E. F. Fincher, D. Hung, R. E. Lee, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge and N.A.E. Mackay. Reserve, W. W. Parsons, Scorer, T. W. Carr; umpire, J. E. Robinson.

Second eleven, away to C.S.C.C.: S. A. Gray, T. A. Madar, E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, W. L. Rapley, R. J. Fenton, H. Brokenshire, W. C. Hung, G. E. Taylor, G. A. Goodban and F. Goodwin. Reserve, L. R. Burch; umpire, R. Leigh.

### Sunday's Hockey Fixtures

The following are the fixtures for Sunday:

At 10.30 A.M.  
Police "A" v. Recreo  
Normans v. 2nd M.T.B.  
C.B.A. v. R. Signals  
Destroyers v. University

At 4 P.M.  
5th A.A. Bty "B" v. R. Engineers  
The first named team will play at home.

### Random Jottings

#### Ladies Seven-A-Side Tournament

I WOULD LIKE to use this space to point out that next Saturday the Ladies Seven-A-Side Tournament is being played at King's Park, and that the proceeds are to be devoted to the Bomber Fund.

Seven or more teams will probably participate, and as has been in the past, these games are always worth watching. On this occasion, for a small donation, the spectator will be afforded some hours of keen amateur sport.

The promoters of this tournament deserve every possible support in their desire to assist a good cause, and I would urge all those who have an idle afternoon to visit King's Park and enjoy the hockey.

THE two unbeaten teams in the H.K.H.A. Tournament, the Police "A" and the Club de Recreo, will meet at Boundary Street next Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m. There will be no charge for entrance to the Police ground, but I have been informed by the Police hockey secretary that Bomber boxes will be taken around before and after the match.

A stick will be raffled, the proceeds of which will also go to the Bomber Fund. The lucky number will be drawn at the conclusion of the game, and the captain of the winning team will be asked to autograph the stick.

It is going to be a most interesting match, and here again I would ask enthusiasts to render the utmost support.

TO-MORROW (Friday) at 4.30 p.m. the Police "A" will clash with the Royal Engineers in their H.K.H.A. fixture on the U.S.R.C. ground. The Guardians of the Law will have to be on their toes, as the Sappers are quite capable of shattering their unbeaten record.

It will be anybody's game until the final whistle.

THE Umpires Association will hold a meeting at St Andrew's Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow, and the H.K.H.A. Council will meet at 6 p.m. next Tuesday at the European Y.M.C.A. to discuss the International Tournament.

### SOCCER MATCHES CANCELLED

Further matches with Hongkong's Eastern Athletic Association soccer team have been cancelled as a result of a decision arrived at by the football committee of the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation following last night's riot.

The game scheduled for to-night between the Shanghai basketballers and the Manila Gas Corporation team has also been cancelled, pending a meeting of the basketball committee to-morrow.

—United Press.

### Quadrangular Tourney

#### British Army Suffers First Defeat

IN THEIR RETURN MATCH in the Quadrangular Tournament, the Indian Army gave Service supporters a rare tonic last Monday when they inflicted first defeat on the British Army 2-1.

### University Badminton Tournament Finals On Saturday

The finals of the University Badminton Tournament will be played off on Saturday, April 5, commencing at 2 p.m., at the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium, University.

The following is the programme of matches:

Men's Singles.—K. W. Choy v. P. K. Hoo.

Men's Doubles.—T. T. Chin and C. Y. Lee v. K. B. Low and P. K. Hoo.

Ladies' Doubles.—Misses S. Fatshinsky and M. Fatima v. Misses Leo Wai-kuen and L. Chow.

Mixed Doubles.—Miss K. J. Hung and K. W. Choy v. Miss L. Chow and H. F. Chew.

Exhibition Matches

Mixed Doubles.—Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira v. Miss Ulan Khoo and P. S. Bun.

Men's Singles.—M. P. Yoong and S. L. Yung.

In the men's singles, K. W. Choy, leading player from Malaya, who promises to capture the Hongkong Men's singles badminton title this year, will meet really serious opposition for the first time this season when he plays P. K. Hoo, former triple titled-holder. A great match is expected to result.

In the exhibition mixed doubles, Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira, leading players from Malaya, will perform against Miss Khoo and P. S. Bun. In the men's singles, M. P. Yoong, Cambridge half-blue, who distinguished himself recently by a brilliant victory over P. K. Hoo, will be on view against S. L. Yung, one of the most promising players in the University.

All in all, a very interesting afternoon is promised.

### Badminton League

#### St John's Beat Kowloon C.C. In Play-off

St John's will meet Chung Hwa for the B Division League Badminton championship on Wednesday as a result of their fine 6-3 victory over Kowloon last night at Recreo.

The earlier stages of the match saw four sets shared, but Eardley and Kwok and Smith and Wilson consolidated their position and they ran into a 5-2 lead before they dropped their next set.

R. Maynard was an absentee from St John's and G. W. Giffen was brought into the team to partner G. S. Ladd. P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher lost to H. C. Eardley and D. Kwok 15-21; beat G. W. Giffen and G. S. Ladd 21-2; lost to N. L. Smith and P. Wilson 11-21.

L. L. Anderson and E. Zimmern lost to Eardley and Kwok 10-21; beat Giffen and Ladd 21-5; lost to Smith and Wilson 12-21.

S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest lost to

It was one of the hardest fought games seen this season, fast and good hockey being the order of the day.

Though the British Army had the better of the exchange in the second period, their forwards were seldom given a chance to settle down due to the first-time tackling of their opponents. It was the best exhibition given by the Indians in the tournament.

From the bully-off to the final whistle it seemed that the Indians had made up their minds to show the Britishers what they could do, and royally did every man respond.

#### First Goal

THE first half was fairly even, and the ball travelled from end to end without result. But after the interval, the Indians attacked at once and Amanat Ali opened the scoring within fifteen minutes.

Ten minutes later the Britishers equalised with a good goal following a breakaway. Waldron sent Singleton down the left wing and the latter centred nicely to Sheehan who made no mistake.

But the Indians, far from being "rattled," took up the offensive again and Faquir Mohamed, with cunning stickwork, beat Anderson to score with a deadly shot which grazed the post as it entered the net. Lofty Dove made a bold attempt to deflect the ball but without avail.

As is often the case when one side does the pressing, the defending side breaks away to score the winning goal.

#### Staunch Defence

HOWEVER, in the closing minutes, the Britishers were attacking strongly, and it seemed that they would equalise at any moment, but the Indian defence were not to be caught napping a second time, and they played up remarkably well to repel the vigorous onslaughts.

It was a gruelling game played at an exceptionally fast pace, and the British Army would not have lost had they shown more thrust in front of goal.

They had more scoring chances than did the Indians, but the forwards were prone to pause instead of shooting right away. Clague was a big culprit in this. And even when they did shoot there was little accuracy behind their shots.

#### The Better Players

FOR the Indian Army, Ajah Hussain distinguished himself at left back, and contrived to get through a good deal of work, while Bhag Singh, left half, also gave a fine display.

The forwards were fast and clever, and of these Faquir Mohamed and Amanat Ali with their brilliant stickwork were the picks.

The British forwards were rather disappointed, probably owing to their leader Hitchcock not being available, but Sheehan and Shaw gave their best.

Croston, pivot, was magnificent, his reverse stick checking and tackling being outstanding. Anderson, though at times erratic, supported Neave well at back.

This result, however, has no bearing on the championship, as the British Army were champions prior to their first defeat.

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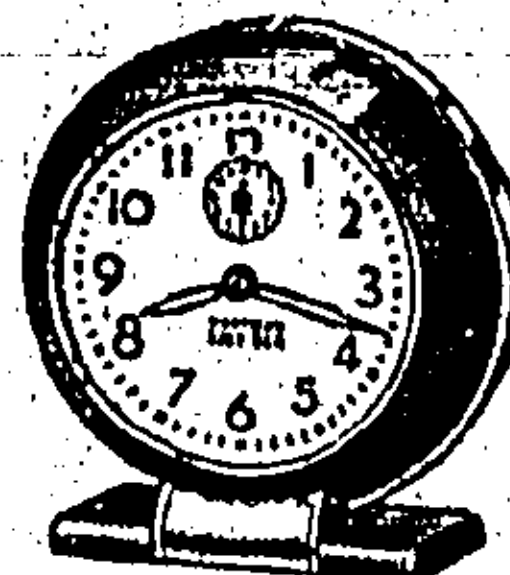
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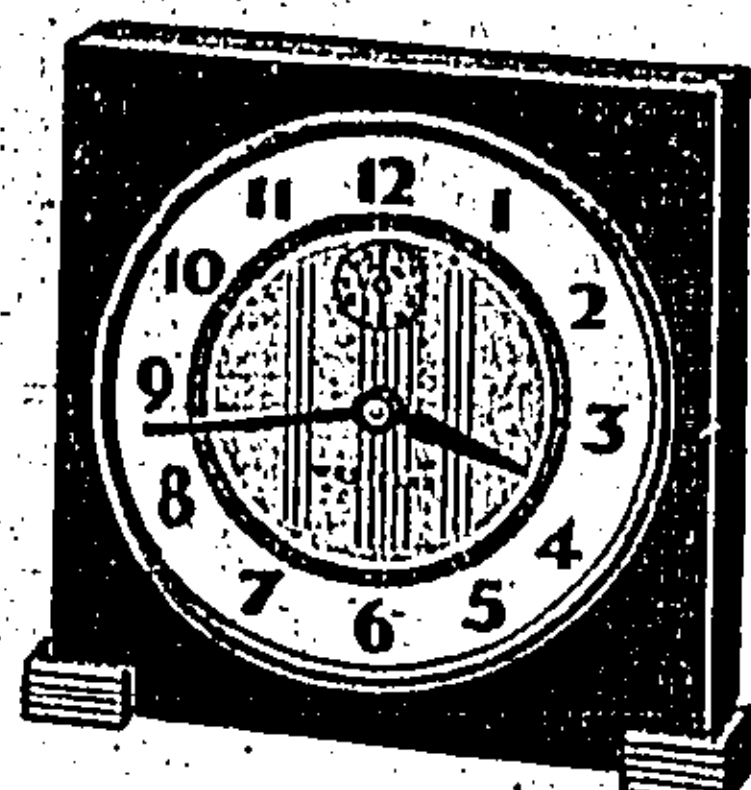


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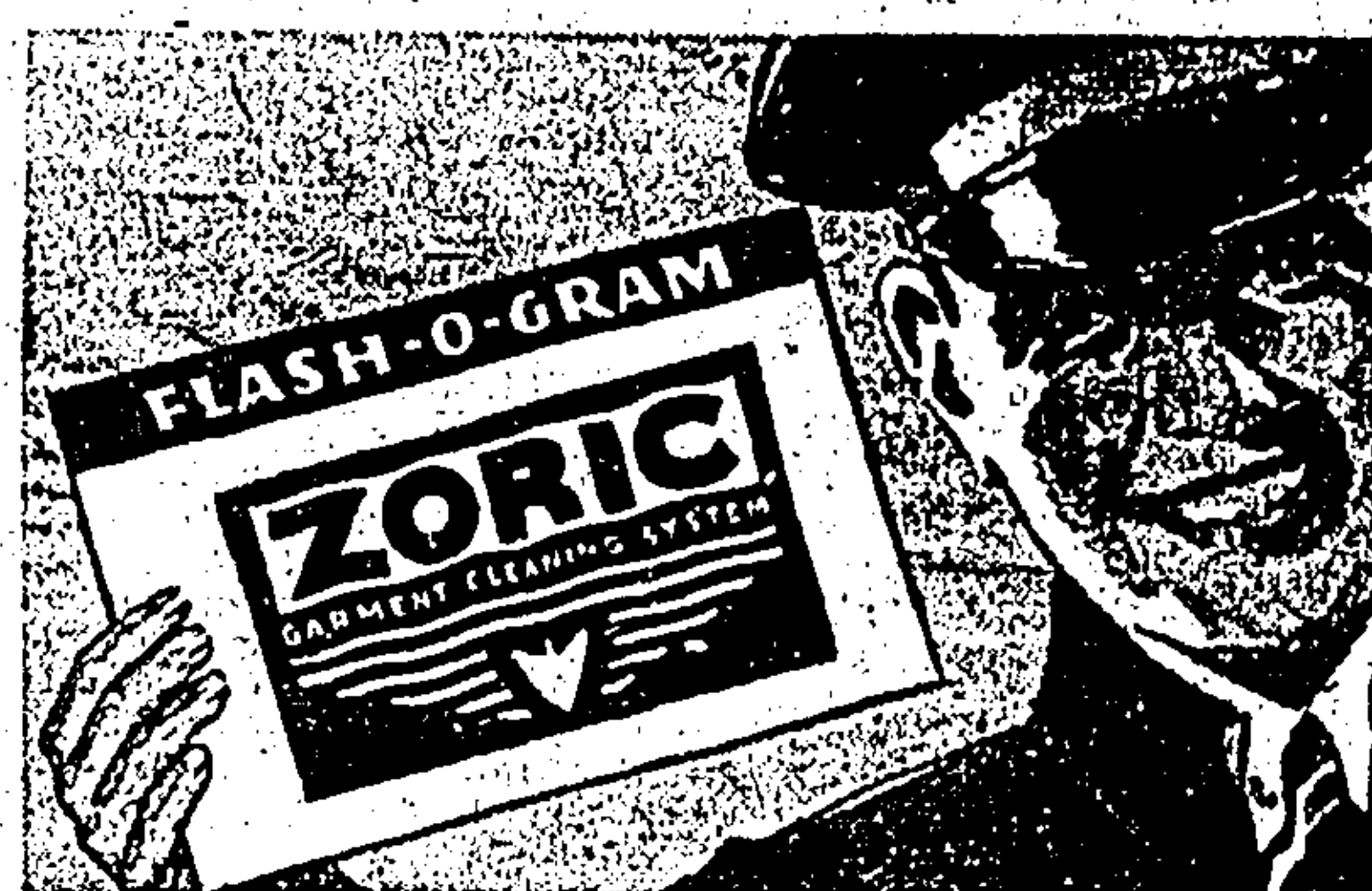
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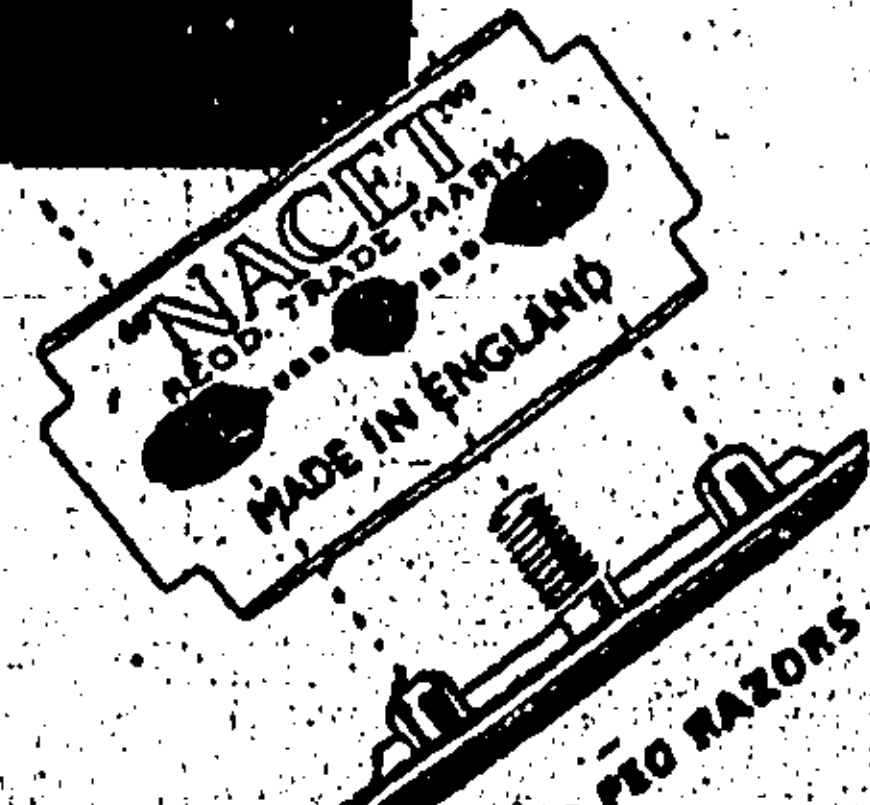
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## Tokyo Radio Rouses Ire of Australians

THE Commonwealth Government will make a diplomatic protest to Japan against Tokyo radio criticism of Australian troops in Malaya, reports the "Sydney Daily Telegraph."

The radio has described the Australians as "sons of convicts," "raw colonials," and "undisciplined." Other comments of a similar libellous nature have been made.

The acting Prime Minister of Australia (Mr. A. W. Fadden) said that the matter would be raised with the new Japanese Minister (Mr. Kawai).

In Sydney recently, the Japanese Charge d'Affaires (Mr. Akiyama) made a general repudiation of the Tokyo radio.

He said: "You know all radio announcers are mad."

Federal Ministers take the view that the Japanese Government must accept responsibility for statements against the A.I.F. which were made repeatedly by radio announcers.

**Scurrilous**

The Army Minister (Mr. Spender) said last week that the propaganda was scurrilous.

"These unpardonable attacks reflect on our men and on our nation," Mr. Spender added.

"The men of the A.I.F. have always borne themselves with credit to the army and to themselves."

"By their deeds they shall be known, and their deeds have already resounded throughout the world."

"They have brought great lustre to their fighting qualities, discipline, and conduct."

It is expected that the Commonwealth Government will send a long memorandum on the matter to the Australian Minister in Tokyo (Sir John Latham).

## Japanese Troops, Planes Leave Tonkin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SAIGON, Apr. 2 (UP).—Five thousand Japanese troops and nearly 200 Japanese planes have evacuated Tonkin during the past week for an unknown destination. Meanwhile, the Japanese are replacing the most

## TURKEY & SOVIET Pact Satisfies British

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The recent Turkey-Soviet declaration contained the following passage: "Should Turkey in fact be the object of aggression and be involved in war in defence of her territory, Turkey could then, in accordance with the Turko-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact, count upon the full understanding and neutrality of the Soviet Government."

In giving this information in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) said that he regarded this declaration of the Soviet Union in regard to Turkey as eminently satisfactory.

To other questions, Mr. Butler replied: "We always hope that such developments will draw the relations with the Soviet Government closer."

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M. and Mme de San after their wedding at St Joseph's Church on Wednesday. The bride was Miss Leonie de Chaffoy de Courcelles and her husband is Secretary to the Belgian Embassy to China.

—Photo by Mee Cheung.

## WOMEN OF INDIA

Able Back Soldiers

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The striking manner in which the women of India have risen to the war's occasions in support of their fighting men was the subject of a talk given in the London Headquarters of the Overseas League by Mrs. Lall, wife of the Deputy Commissioner for India.

The number of Allied countries represented in the audience, mostly in uniform, testified to the interest taken in the subject of Indian welfare work.

Under the inspiring leadership of Lady Linlithgow, said Mrs. Lall, the war work of Indian women was on a wide scale and covered all provinces.

**Funds And Comforts**

In almost every large Indian city, women had come forward with offers of service through established organisations and others set up since the war began. The women of all communities were collecting funds for the Red Cross, knitting for Indian soldiers and sailors, and receiving training for A.R.P. work.

In the larger ports, they were preparing to deal with casualties from battle fronts and assist soldiers and their families passing through the ports while the silver trinket fund of ornaments given to the cause had supplied a blood transfusion plant which was urgently required in the Middle East and provision for many ambulances.

The few Indian ladies left in London, Mrs. Lall added, were assisting the Indian Comforts Fund and providing much needed comforts for soldiers and seamen in colder climates. In this work they were aided by 600 ladies from all parts of Britain.



Lovely bridesmaids at the wedding of Miss de Chaffoy de Courcelles and M. de San at St Joseph's Church on Wednesday. They are Miss Joan Challinor and Sessan Christensen.

—Photo by Mee Cheung.

## ITALIAN U-BOAT, TANKER SUNK

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that a British submarine reports having sunk, in the Mediterranean, an Italian U-boat and the Italian tanker, Laura Corrado, of 8,645 tons.

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MANILA, Apr. 2 (UP).—President Quezon has issued an executive order prohibiting the exportation of rice to any country, including the United States. The order was issued to prevent possible shortage of the cereal, which is the chief ingredient of Filipino diet.

Philippine rice production has never equaled domestic consumption, and the Philippines annually has imported rice from French Indo-China. Recently, however, it became difficult to import rice from this source, apparently because of Far Eastern developments. The situation was aggravated by the fact that droughts and floods substantially reduced this year's crop.

## Pope Discusses China War

FROM PAGE ONE

tension of conflict which might involve the United States or Yugoslavia.

**Matsuoka On Tour**  
LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister who is now in Rome, may visit Occupied France on his way home, he revealed to-day to pressmen at the Villa Madama where he is staying.

Mr. Matsuoka added that he would take advantage of his return journey to stay in Germany as a private citizen as he is anxious to come into closer contact with the population.

He emphasized his intention of personally informing himself of the "true situation in Europe."

Mr. Matsuoka had a further talk with Signor Mussolini after luncheon in the presence of Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

**Meeting With Pope**  
At the meeting of Mr. Matsuoka and the Pope earlier, only religious and moral issues were discussed, state Vatican circles.

Mr. Matsuoka said afterwards that he was tremendously impressed by the Pope.

Mr. Matsuoka is leaving Rome to-morrow.

**Medal From Pope**  
The talk between Mr. Matsuoka and the Pope was extremely cordial, Vatican circles confirm. The Pope set forth his views of the present situation, Mr. Matsuoka listening with great deference and attention.

The Japanese Foreign Minister then gave the Japanese viewpoint. Before Mr. Matsuoka left, the Pope presented him with a gold medal.

Mr. Matsuoka subsequently talked with Cardinal Maglione, the Papal Secretary of State, for nearly an hour.

## ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL HOLDS SPEECH DAY

The annual speech day of the Ellis Kadoorie School was held yesterday, when Mr. C. G. Solis, Director of Education, gave away the prizes for the year.

The report of the Headmaster, Mr. C. Mycock, stated:

The maximum enrolment was 481 with an average attendance of 459. The Headmaster was released from additional Censor duties in April, 1940. In July, Mrs. Wyatt left when evacuated, and Mr. Ho Wai-ching retired on pension. Each has been connected with the school for many years, and I wish to place on record appreciation of their loyal services.

External Examinations: In Classes 4, of 50 who sat, 42 passed, and six Government Scholarships were awarded; In Classes 5, of 81 who sat, 47 passed, and eight Government Scholarships were awarded.

Internal Examinations: In Classes 6, of 105 who sat, 91 passed; in Classes 7, of 84 boys 74 passed; in Classes 8, of 114 boys 102 passed.

## ITALIAN DESTROYER SUNK

London, Apr. 2. The Admiralty has announced the sinking by naval aircraft of an Italian destroyer of the Panther class of 1,526 tons in Massawa, the Red Sea Port. The destroyer was located when leaving the port, attacked and sunk.

It has also been announced that the German merchantman, Bertram Rickers, of 4,168 tons, was intercepted by the British destroyer Kandar as she was endeavouring to sail from Massawa.—Reuter Bulletin.

## Former Consul Here Gets New Post

Tokyo, Apr. 2. The appointment is gazetted to-day of Mr. Takio Oda, Consul at Hongkong, to be Secretary of the First Section of the East Asia Bureau, and of Colonel Kenryo Sato, to be member of the China Affairs Damages Inquiry Committee, replacing Colonel Saburo Kawamura, who has been relieved.

Yoshizumi Ohata, Naval Judiciary, has been appointed Director of the Bureau of Judicial Affairs of the Navy Ministry succeeding Mr. Shigeki Shiom, Naval Judiciary, who has resigned.—Domei.

It is learned that Mr. Oda, who left Hongkong last month, is being succeeded by Mr. S. Kimura, Secretary of the Japanese Embassy in Nanking, who is expected here towards the end of this month.

## Taranto Man Shot For Spying

Two Italians were shot by a firing squad recently at Fort Bravetta, near Rome, for alleged espionage and belonging to a military spy ring working for Britain.

They had been found guilty.

A woman and two men were sentenced to life imprisonment, and 19 other persons, including a woman, were sentenced to shorter terms of imprisonment (says Associated Press).

One of the men shot was a commercial traveller of Taranto, and the other a quartermaster in the Navy. Another naval quartermaster, a worker in a naval construction firm and his wife were among those sent to prison.

## Thanks To Hongkong

The following telegram, dated April 1, has been received from Lord Beaverbrook by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, in connection with the contributions which have been cabled home from the Bomber Fund:

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# WAR CLOUDS DEEPEN OVER YUGO-SLAVIA AS ITALY URGES PEACE

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**BELGRADE, APR. 2 (UP).—**DIPLOMATIC SOURCES REPORT THAT ITALY IS PERSISTING IN HER ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT A WAR BETWEEN YUGO-SLAVIA AND GERMANY, AND IT HAS NOW BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THE YUGO SLAVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, M. MOMCILO NINCITCH AND THE ASSISTANT VICE-PREMIER, M. SLOBODAN JOVANOVIC GO TO ROME TO NEGOTIATE.

## Matchek To Join Cabinet

**German Stories Of Yugo-Slav Atrocity**  
**BELGRADE, Apr. 2 (UP).—**It is authoritatively stated that the Croats reached an agreement with the Government this afternoon and that M. Matchek will join the Government as Vice-Premier.

Despite denials from Rome that Italy has offered to mediate, it is insisted that an offer was made by Il Duce. However, for reason of prestige, Italy sought to make it appear that the peace overtures were initiated by Yugo-Slavia.

## Germans Hold Four Americans

**Possible Reprisals For Loss Of Ships**  
**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**BERLIN, Apr. 2 (UP).—**Four United States citizens who have been resident for a long time in Germany were arrested to-day in connection with passport regulations. Three of the four were released after a few hours.

The arrested people were a newspaperman, John Paul Dickson from New York, Arthur Dunning, permanent secretary of the American Chamber of Commerce in Berlin, a Negro music student from New York named Welsh and a young man from California whose name is at present unobtainable.

The arrested men were taken to the Alexander Platz headquarters where Mr. Hottelet, the "United Press" Berlin Bureau manager is still held.

Authorized quarters said that Dickson was detained at 8.30 p.m. and released at 10.30. Police admitted that it was "not absolutely impossible" that the first three men were arrested in connection with German reprisals for the confiscation of German ships in United States. Dickson's case, however, was "quite different" although further explanation was refused.

The commentators added that "constantly mounting anti-German demonstrations are occurring in Yugo-Slavia."

It is recalled that Hitler's favourite method of preparing for an attack on a country is first to stir up feeling in Germany by atrocity propaganda stories. This technique was followed prior to his aggressions against Austria, Sudetenland, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Poland.

**British Preparations**  
**LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—**Neutral observers, speculating on the battle of the Mediterranean, to-day said that British preparations for a Balkan campaign in the event of Germany attacking Greece, Turkey or Yugo-Slavia, must be reaching sizeable proportions for Italy to risk sending out of harbour her battle fleet in an attempt to establish a bridgehead on the Balkans.

While it is known that Britain has sent large shipments of war supplies to Greece from Egypt, nothing has been revealed regarding the army troop movement. However, military commentators have long pointed out that the Balkans is the most likely site for any British land offensive against Germany because her friendship for Greece and Turkey will enable the Allies to establish a bridgehead on the continent.

Likewise, the winding up of the Cretan campaign, as well as the approaching close of the Eritrean and Abyssinian campaigns, will release large numbers of troops for action in other theatres.

**German and Yugo-Slavia**  
**STOCKHOLM, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—**Herr Victor von Heeren, the German Minister to Yugo-Slavia now in Berlin, is not expected to return to TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## Pro-Nanking Chinese

**Dispute S.M.C. Proposals**  
**SHANGHAI, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—**The new proposed distribution of Municipal Council seats has aroused the opposition of Chinese ratepayers who assert that the new arrangement is contrary to the stipulation of the Nanking Land Regulations under which the Council has been functioning.

Interviewed by the "North China Daily News," these circles expressed the hope that the Council will do its best to maintain the position of the old Chinese members of the Council who have been re-elected in the legal way.

It is said that there are already more than 20 members of the General Assembly of the Chinese Ratepayers' Association (which is composed of 81 members) going over to the Nanking regime.

## R. N. Collision Off Hongkong

On the night of April 1-2, a collision occurred between light naval units exercising off Hongkong. Lieut. Cmdr. J. C. Boldero, D.S.C., R.N., was injured. He was at once taken to the Naval Hospital. It is stated that he is making satisfactory progress.



## Ford Strike Added To Labour Strife Halting U.S. Industry

**HARLAN, Ky., Apr. 2 (UP).—**Four men were shot and killed and at least five were wounded as United Mine Workers' pickets engaged non-unionists at the Crummies Mine during a United Mine Workers' drive. The dead are Oscar Goodin, Virgil Hampton and two negroes. Yesterday one man was killed in the same area.

## FAR EAST AIR CHIEF

**Brooke-Popham Holds Parleys In Manila**  
**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**MANILA, Apr. 3 (UP).—**Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham is scheduled to confer with Major-General George Grunert, Commander of the Philippine Department this morning, and possibly with Mr. Frances Sayre, the United States High Commissioner.

Afterwards there will be a full dress United States army and navy conference at Cavite, but it is not known whether or not Sir Robert will attend this.

British officials emphasised that the visit is entirely informal and unofficially however, United States military circles did not attempt to minimise its importance.

**U.S. and Singapore Base**  
Naval circles unofficially pointed out that Chief Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham is an expert in air service, and they were of the opinion that his comments would be invaluable in view of the recent strengthening of the United States army and navy air-arms at Manila, and the increased construction of air bases across the Pacific.

They pointed out that this is the first actual contact between the Anglo-American defence leaders in the Pacific, although they presumed that an exchange of information had previously and constantly been made. It is speculated that they possibly discussed the use of the Singapore base by the United States in addition to the co-ordinated Anglo-American-Dutch naval policies in the event of a Japanese southward move, should the United States be involved.

## Surrender To Australians

When Bardia was captured, 38,000 prisoners, including four Italian generals fell into the hands of the victorious British and Imperial forces. This official photograph shows Italian soldiers, with hands high above their heads, surrendering to an Australian.

## Chungking Desires Cancellation of H.K. Immigration Laws; Kuomintang Request

**CHUNGKING, Apr. 2 (Central News).—**One of the decisions reached at yesterday's meeting of the 8th Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Central Executive and Supervisory Committees was to request the National Government to negotiate with the British Government for the cancellation of the Immigration Regulations now enforced by the Hongkong Government.

It was pointed out that the regulations are prejudicial to the interests of the Chinese in Hongkong and the friendly relations between China and Britain.

**No Comment Available**

The "Telegraph" through the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. L. Smith, this morning requested the comments of His Excellency the Governor on the above message, but it was stated His Excellency is unwilling to make any statement on a question such as this, which must depend on the reply made by His Majesty's Government to the representations of the Chinese Foreign Office.

It is understood that the Immigration Ordinance was one of the subjects informally discussed by the Colonial Secretary during his visit to Chungking in January of this year.

## Italian Battalion Annihilated

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**ATHENS, Apr. 2 (UP).—**An official communiqué issued in Athens reads: "The central front. After annihilating the Valpurga-Alpina battalion, we proceeded with mopping-up operations."

"The Italians, bringing up new forces, started harassing the Greeks from new positions while we were picking up material abandoned by the enemy. In order to end this nuisance the Greeks attacked and drove the Italians beyond their former positions."

## Peru Stops Nazi News Service

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**LIMA, Apr. 2 (UP).—**The Peruvian Government has cancelled the operating license of the German "Trans-Ocean" news service in Peru, charging it with "distorting news which might perturb Peru's good international relations and offend the national feelings of other countries as well as affect democratic institutions."

## Sino-Burmese Railway

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—**The Secretary for Burma announced in the House of Commons today that a new railway will be built with the aid of the British Government from the present frontier, linking the Burmese and Chinese railway systems.

## Reassuring About Inflation

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—**Speaking at a luncheon of the Incorporated Sales Managers to-day, Lord Stamp, head of the Commission Investigating Internal Finance, took a reassuring view of inflation, asserting that a "certain degree of inflation, if properly controlled, will not do the community much harm."

## Pope Discusses China War With Matsuoka

**Special to the "Telegraph"**  
**VATICAN CITY, Apr. 2 (UP).—**Reliable sources state that His Holiness the Pope and Mr. Matsuoka discussed Russia's relations with China and Japan in connection with the Vatican missionary problem.

These quarters say that Mr. Matsuoka expressed regret at the Holy See's policy of supporting Chiang Kai-shek and contended that the Japanese war policy was mainly anti-Communist and was therefore not opposed to the Vatican's principles in combating atheism.

It is believed that Mr. Matsuoka suggested that the Holy See should remove any support for China, which would tend to aid Russia's position as long as Communism implies atheism and emphasized that Japan's interests were not religious and they would always allow Catholic missions.

## Pope's Hope For Peace

The Pope expressed his pleasure at Mr. Matsuoka's visit and during their conversations, Mr. Matsuoka said that Japan always believes in peace. The Pope is reported to have outlined his peace points and to have expressed the hope that peace might be possible before the spring offensives got underway.

## Congratulations To Cunningham

**ALEXANDRIA, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—**King George of England to-day sent the following message to Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, C.B., D.S.O., D.C., R.N., who has been promoted to the rank of Admiral.

"I am very glad to hear of your promotion and I am sure that you will continue to do your best for the Royal Navy."

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## How America Intends To Help Beat Axis

**Special to the "Telegraph"**  
**WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (UP).—**A high Governmental source said to-day that the United States intends to marshal, with increasing intensity, the economic powers whereby it expects to weaken the Axis and simultaneously strengthen the position of the United States and its friends who are in conflict with the Axis. All indications suggest that the Government is planning to make more direct use of the following seven phases of economic activity:

- (1) It has already thrown the vast weight of productive capacity behind Britain, Greece and China and has authorized the shipment of \$3,300,000,000 worth of goods to aid those nations.
- (2) By export embargoes on licenses, the United States controls the shipment of certain strategic commodities to insure that they do not reach unfriendly hands, but are conserved only for the defence of the United States and its friends. It is indicated that the types of goods will be embargoed as the circumstances warrant.
- (3) By the large measure of control over shipping services through its shipbuilding powers, the United States can contribute sustained support to its allies.
- (4) By the use of its naval power, the United States can contribute sustained support to its allies.
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## Air Mail For Troops

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuters).—It was announced to-day that a special air mail postcard service is being introduced for the personnel of the British forces serving in the Middle East.

Postcards will be carried all the way by air to bases in the Middle East, where they will be delivered by the Army Postal Service.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941, both days inclusive.

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By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON, Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

## NOTICE

### DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

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# RAPE VERDICT APPEAL FAILS

Frank Kenneth Jacobs, private of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who was sentenced to eight months' hard labour on a charge of rape at the March Criminal Sessions, made an application for leave to appeal against the sentence before Mr Justice E. H. Williams and Mr Justice J. A. Fraser in the Full Court of Appeal this morning.

Jacobs made the application on his own behalf, and Mr J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Crown.

Appellant was found guilty by a Jury by a majority of six to one of rape on an 18-year-old spinster, Man Shiu-ying, at Kowloon on January 16. The trial was held before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the February Criminal Sessions.

The grounds, on which the Appellant based his application for leave to appeal, as read out by Mr Justice Williams, were (1) that the Appellant considered the evidence was perjured by the prosecutrix; (2) that the proof presented by the prosecutrix was not sufficient to convict, as it was hearsay; and (3) that his innocence was partially upheld by the lenient view which the Appellant had of the evidence.

Asked if he had anything to say with regard to the grounds, Jacobs said that when the prosecutrix told her story of the events of the day, she grossly exaggerated what had happened. The spot where she had stated the offence took place was actually a quarter-of-a-mile from the actual place. Though that was not important, said Appellant, it went to prove that she was lying.

**Gagging Demonstration**  
The girl had also stated that he had gagged her, but when she demonstrated before the Kowloon Magistrate, how he was supposed to have gagged her, it was shown that the gag did not prevent her from screaming, and had Appellant gagged her sufficiently well to prevent her from doing so, she would surely have shown marks of it when she reported to the Police Station.

She had also alleged that the Appellant had lifted her over a fence into the ground where the offence took place, but, declared Jacobs, it was quite impossible for him to do so as the fence was too high. He could also not crawl under the fence as she had further alleged. Appellant was familiar with the ground, as he had played football there, and he had always had to go around the fence to enter the ground.

The girl had also said that Appellant took her out on the pretext of going to see a girl named Mary, but she knew perfectly well at the time that Mary was in Australia with the convalesces. There was no reason for her to use that name.

**Slept in Barracks**  
"I knew the girl to be a prostitute," went on Jacobs, "and I can bring evidence to this effect. I can call evidence that the prosecutrix had slept in the Middlesex Barracks with men. In the excitement of the trial, I had forgotten several things I wished to say, and I was also asked not to bring this forward."

Mr Justice Williams pointed out that Appellant had every opportunity to bring whatever witnesses he liked. Jacobs replied that he had called certain witnesses and thought they were sufficient. One of them, Cpl Dormer of the Middlesex Regiment,

Jacobs replied that he left everything in the hands of his solicitor, Mr Russ.

He went on to say that had he wanted to commit rape, the girl would have been the last person he would choose, as she knew all about him. The spot where the offence was alleged to have occurred, as indicated in photographs, was but 50 yards from the I.K.S.R.A. Barracks, where sentries were on duty at all hours of the day, and had she screamed, as she had said, this must have been heard by the sentries.

Evidence had been given by the girl that she spent a night in a hotel with a soldier called Ginger because Ginger wanted to learn Chinese and she wanted to learn English. Appellant suggested that that was impossible, as he knew Ginger could not speak a word of Chinese, and the girl's English was very bad.

Jacobs added that he was in the field with the girl for an hour and a half, and he was not the least untidy when he returned to Barracks.

Mr Justice Williams remarked that it was Appellant's duty to call whatever witnesses he desired to testify to that fact.

**Thought Things Over**  
Jacobs replied that he realized there were many things that he had left out at the time of the trial, but since he had been in prison, he had had an opportunity to think things out. Dealing with his second ground for appeal, Jacobs declared that Cpl Dormer's evidence was only hearsay. Appellant had called him in his own defence, and was much surprised to hear the evidence Dormer gave.

Asked why Dormer should commit perjury, Jacobs said that Dormer had exaggerated the story from the start and had stuck by it. Dormer was a man who was apt to exaggerate a person in his colleagues. "When I finish my term and meet him in the canteen, he will most likely say to me that he had exaggerated what he had said, but it will be too late then," Jacobs declared.

Regarding his third ground for appeal, Jacobs said that he drew the conclusion when the trial ended, and the Jury had retired, that he would be found "Not Guilty." He suggested that the Jury's verdict showed that they were not absolutely sure of his guilt, and had some doubt somewhere.

Mr Justice Williams: Do you think that when the Jury coupled with their verdict a recommendation for leniency, they had doubt?—That was the impression I had.

**Six Found Against**  
But six of them found you guilty. It would need at least three who thought you were not guilty for such a verdict to be given. It still feels that that one person had some good reason to feel I was not guilty.

Mr Justice Williams: There is no reason why he should not be right in his considered opinion, and why the others should also not be right in theirs.

After deliberating with Mr Justice Fraser, Mr Justice Williams dismissed the application, saying: My brother and I have considered the grounds which you have put forward in this application for leave to appeal. You have not complained whatsoever against the summing-up which is a matter essentially for the Jury, who gave as their opinion that you were guilty. We see no grounds for granting leave to appeal. You have mentioned certain incidents, but you had full opportunity to place what-

# More Milk Sold In Colony During 1940 In Spite Of Evacuation

That the heavy purchase of dairy animals from Canada, Australia and the United States of America—amounting to about \$180,000—was fully justified, as the sales touched a new high level, being over 1,000,000 bottles up on 1939, was the opinion expressed by the Chairman, the Hon. Mr T. E. Pearce, at the forty-fifth yearly meeting of the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., which was held at Windsor House, at noon to-day.

Supporting the Chairman were the Hon. Mr S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr A. L. Shields, Mr L. J. Davies, and Mr D. L. Newbigging (Directors), Mr J. D. Thomson (Manager), Mr G. Milne (Secretary) and Messrs J. Owen-Hughes, A. D. Wylie, W. MacFarlane, D. McFerran, P. Morphew and C. C. Blake (Shareholders).

The Chairman said: Before proceeding with the business of the Meeting I wish to make reference to the death since our last annual general meeting, of Mr A. B. Stewart. Mr Stewart served on the Board for many years and was Chairman on several occasions. He took a very keen interest in the Company, and his passing is to be greatly regretted.

The Profit on Working Account for the year amounted to \$800,033.04. As compared to last year this figure is less by \$45,140.55 and included in the Accounts is our subscription of \$15,000 to the "South China Morning Post War Fund." This subscription I feel sure met with your approval.

The balance of Profit and Loss Account at \$451,940.05 is however \$103,170.57 less than the figure shown in last year's Accounts.

**War Taxation Figures**  
You will observe that the Reserve for War Taxation 1940/1941, \$50,000, and I would explain that since the closing of the books a payment of \$54,000 against this has been made to Government. The Reserve has been made necessary as certain items are still under discussion with the Taxation Department. Interest at \$48,005.09 is some \$25,000 up on the previous year but Repairs and Renewals at \$60,373.20 show a reduction of \$20,000. Needless to say our Buildings, Machinery and other depreciable assets are being maintained in the usual high state of repair and efficiency.

On the other side of Profit and Loss Account credit amounting to \$17,525.30 has been taken in respect of Unclaimed Dividends forfeited. This amount represents Dividends unclaimed up to, and including those declared in 1937.

Depreciation amounting to \$227,570.21, on the usual scale but none has been charged against those assets which were not employed during the year and to which I shall later make reference. As I previously mentioned the balance of Profit and Loss Account amounts to \$451,940.05. To this has to be added \$65,307.92 brought forward from last year, making a total of \$517,247.97, from which has to be deducted the Interim Dividend of 50 cents per share amounting to \$140,007.50 paid in September last, leaving for appropriation the sum of \$377,240.47. Your Directors propose to deal with this balance as follows:

Pay a Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 293,335 shares ..... \$293,335.00  
Add to Cattle Reserve ..... 25,000.00  
Carry Forward ..... 72,147.47  
\$390,540.47

I trust these allocations of the amount available will have your approval.

Although there is no bonus to be paid shareholders, the amount being distributed is only \$31,660.88 less than was the case last year, as a full dividend is payable on the 41,905 new shares issued in 1939.

**Cattle Account**  
Turning to the Balance Sheet, I would call your attention to Cattle Account and in the first place to the item "added this year." The figure of \$179,028.72 represents the cost of 187 dairy animals which we imported from Canada, Australia and the United States of America. This is the heaviest purchase made by the Company in any one year of its existence but was fully justified, as milk sales touched a new high level, being over 1,000,000 bottles up on 1939. Sales and Deaths at \$145,205.09 represent animals withdrawn from the herd—either by sale or death—at the end of the year, and the cost. This is a heavier charge than usual and to a large extent is due to the fact that included in the list are a number of animals imported during the year. Imported animals, particularly during their first year here, do not possess the same powers of resistance as animals bred on the farm. The herd totalled 1,000 animals at the end of the year, and the cost, and must now be one of the largest stall fed herds in existence. You will appreciate that the supervision and feeding of such a large number of animals is no simple task, and reflects much credit on those responsible for sales and deaths, and debited against Cattle Wastage Account.

**Increased Production Costs**  
When addressing you from the Chair last year my predecessor mentioned that with the rising cost of fodder, bottles, caps and other necessities required for the production and delivery of milk, an upward revision of prices might be necessary. As the year progressed these costs reached proportions which precluded further delay in this decision, and in June last an increase of two cents per half pint bottle was made. This step, although some months overdue, I may say, was taken with the greatest reluctance. Not since 1931, when the

over evidenced you wished before the Court.

At the trial, Jacobs was defended by Mr George She, instructed by Mr C. A. S. Russ. Mr Murphy conducted the prosecution.

The Jury empanelled were: Messrs G. T. Goldin (foreman), Loui Lo-ke, G. Goldin, Ma Yue-nan, Leo Kwok-ying, Chan Kam-shing and Tan Po-keng.



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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$300 (being 0% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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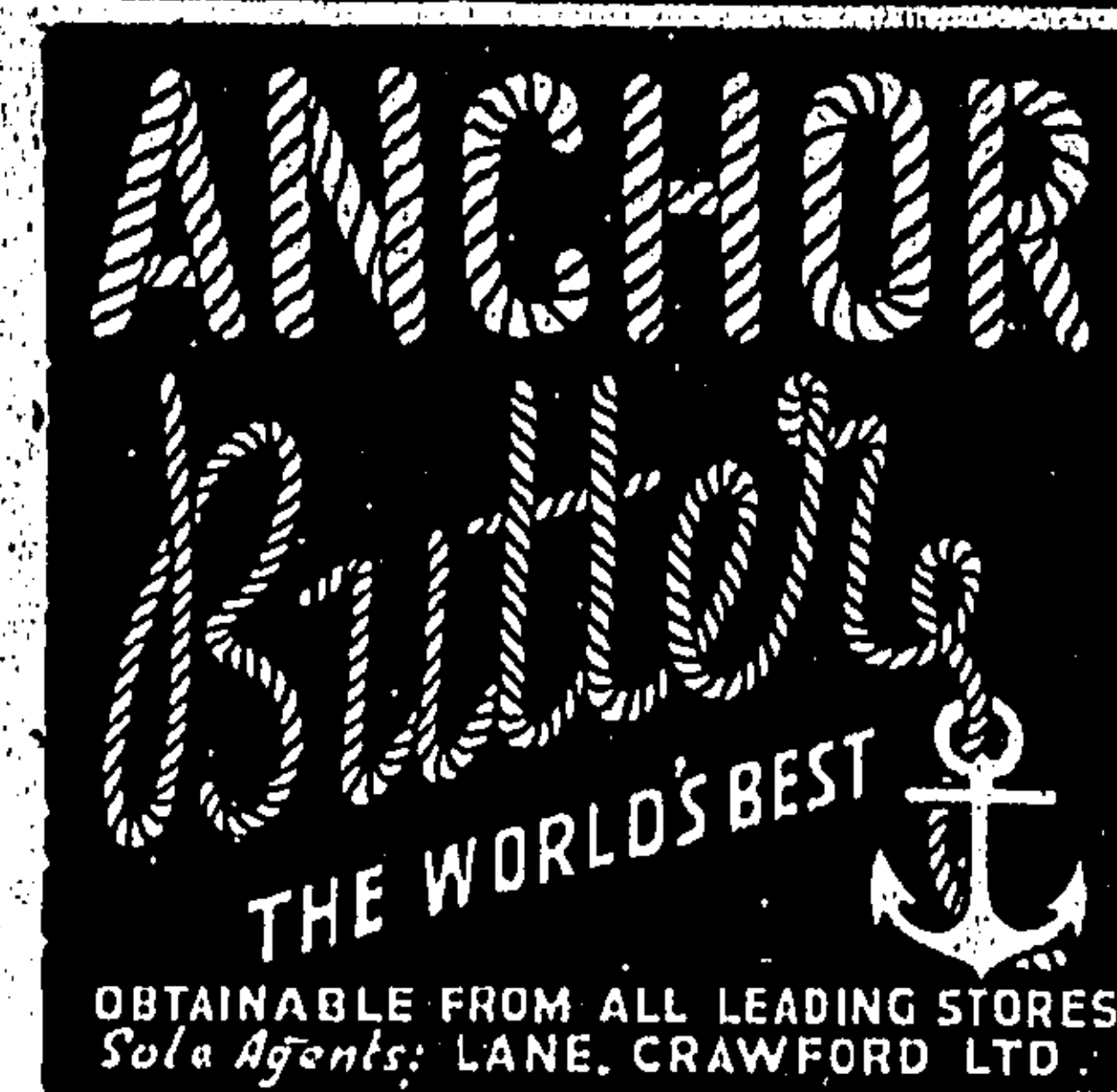
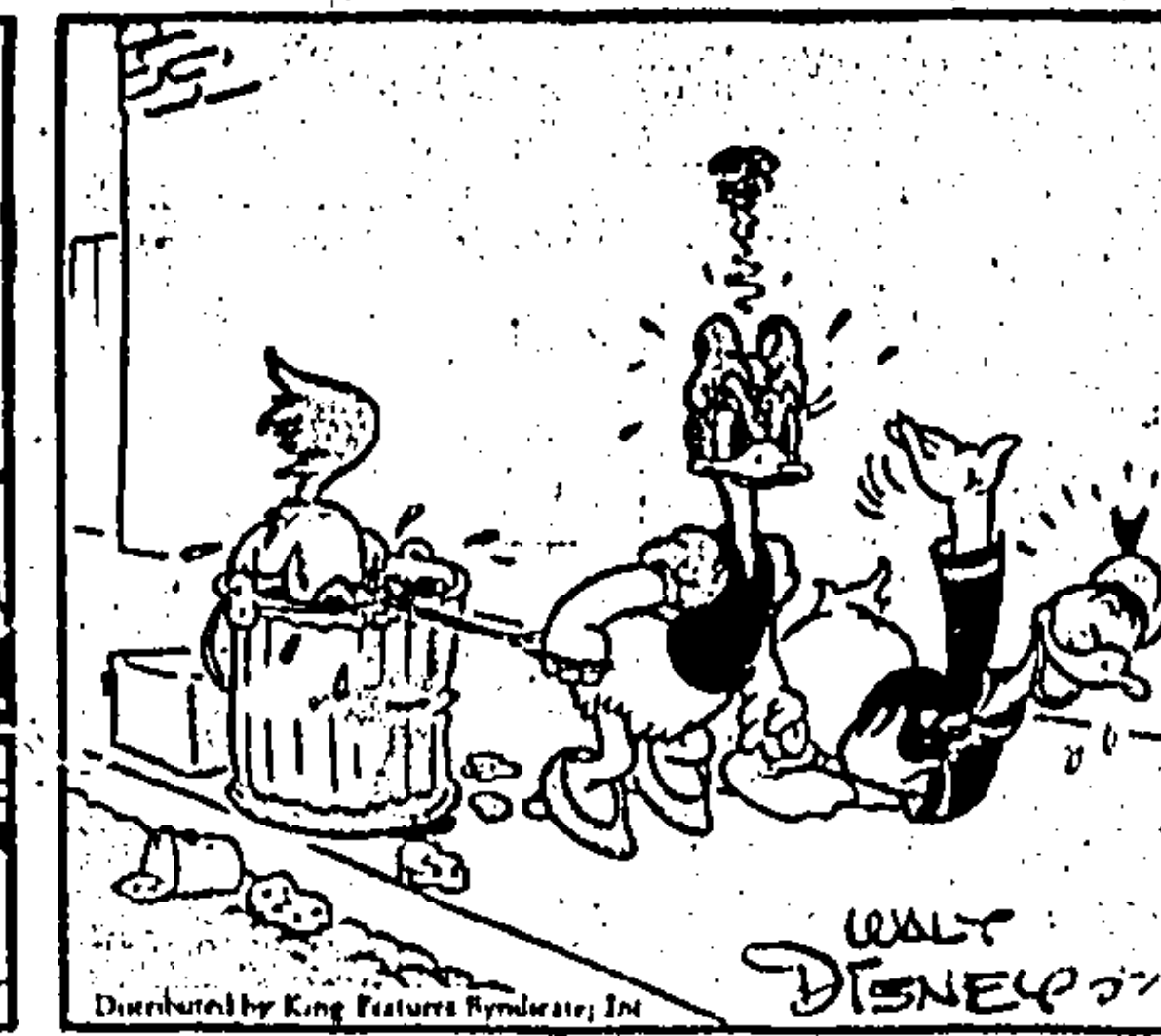
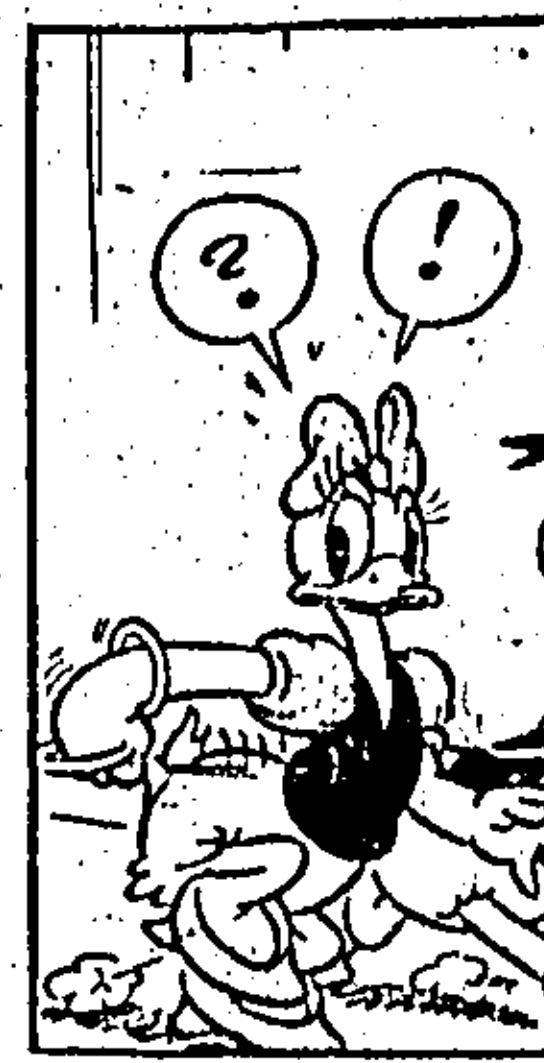
The following telegram, dated April 1, has been received from Lord Beaverbrook by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, in connection with the contributions which have been cabled 'home' from the Bomber Fund:

"The total of over £100,000 now contributed towards the cost of bomber squadrons by subscribers to the South China Morning Post and Hongkong Telegraph Fund is proof of the outstanding assistance being rendered by the Colony to the Royal Air Force."

"Will you please convey to all concerned my deepest personal thanks for their inspired and invaluable gift."



## DONALD DUCK



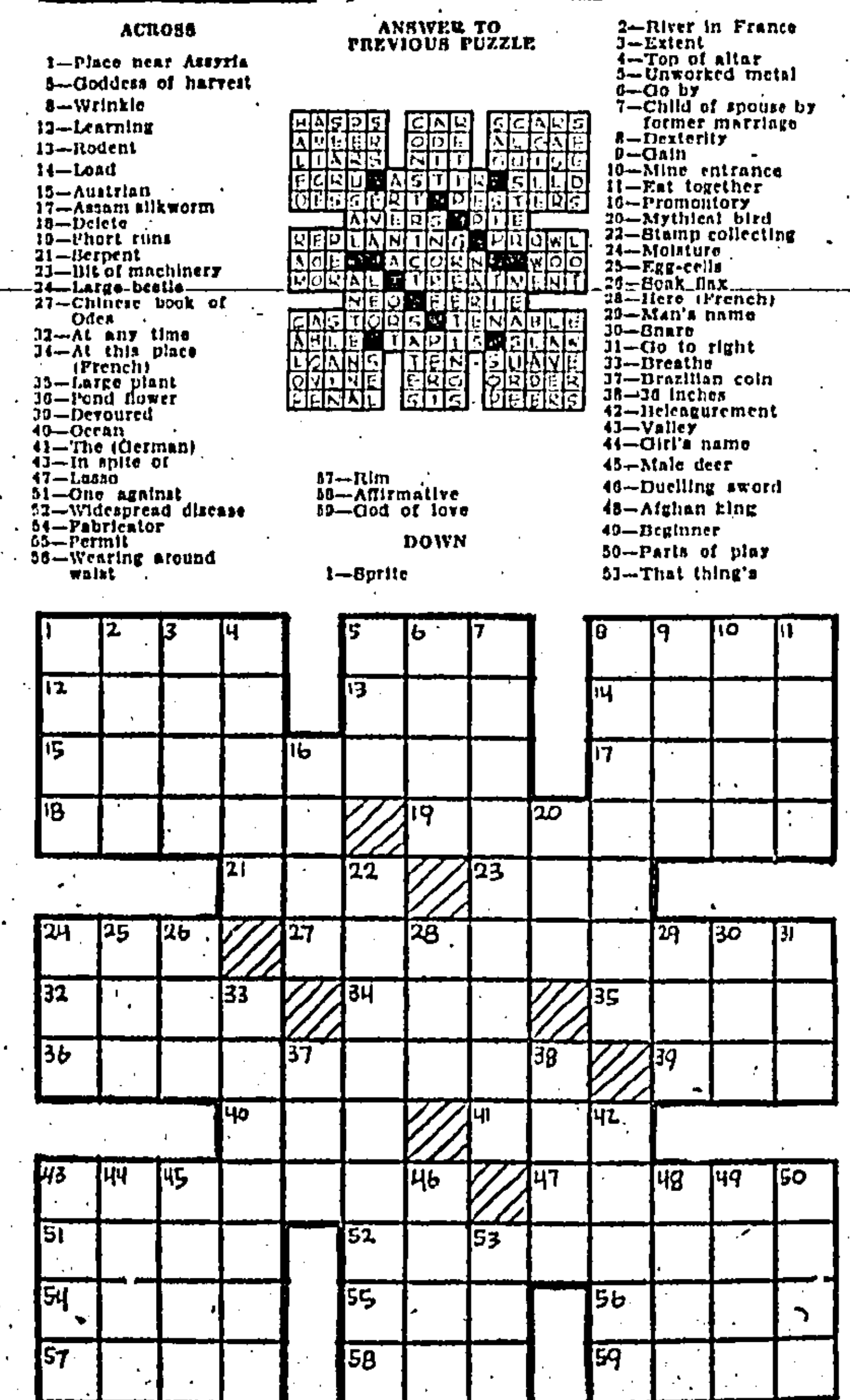
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Cooking is not an easy art; it is a difficult vocation, and the good food that is so often ruined in the kitchen is proof of it.

Of all branches of cookery that of Army cooking is probably the most difficult, and certainly the most criticised. In the last war I encountered Army cooking that was good, fair and unspeakable.

In the cook-house I found men too dirty and hopeless for ordinary duties, who had been sent there in order to get them out of the way; and I am sure that other soldiers of that period must have met them too.

## Willing To Praise

Then I found good cooks ruined by bad conditions, and others blunted and overwhelmed by the endless character of their task.

It is true, I think, that in order to be a good Army cook a man requires a genuine interest in cooking, organising ability, a reformer's courage, a high standard of conduct, and a sense of responsibility.

In other words, Army cookery is a job that should not be undertaken by a man in order to escape from other less seemingly pleasant, or more arduous, duties: it is hard work, responsible work, and should be tackled with scientific fervour.

Everybody is pathetically anxious that a cook should be good. People are only too willing to praise him. Surely no finer military distinction could be obtained than that of a cook loved by his comrades!

There should be a special decoration for him; or possibly such rare distinction is its own reward!

## Revolution

It is not perhaps known that two years ago a great revolution took place in Army cookery, although I am prepared to hear many soldiers say they have not noticed it.

In 1938 the whole problem was reviewed, and almost enough money was spent, and expert opinion engaged, to reform the cooking of the entire nation.

In that year it was decided to appoint experienced civilian chefs and restaurant experts as instructors at the Army School of Cookery, Aldershot.

A magnificent new building was designed, and was opened a few weeks ago, where 800 pupils can be taught at one time.

The kitchens at this school are modelled on those of a great hotel; but I could not look at the fabulously expensive equipment installed there without wondering if it was not, after all, a scandalous waste of money.

For no ordinary Army cook, having completed his course there, will ever see anything like those gleaming kitchens again.

He will generally find himself in the rat-haunted basement of a derelict country house.

Still, the critic, appalled by the hotel ranges, the long vistas of precious aluminium, the electric plate-washing machines, the steam-heated tea machines, is silenced by being taken from this ideal world into the open air, where cooks are stirring dioxies on home-made fires and bending with smarting eyes over our old friend, the field-kitchen.

So, you see, at the Army School of Cookery the real and the ideal are in close proximity, and all the taxpayer can do is to wonder whether the ideal has not, like Army beef, been over-done.

The theory is that a constant stream of Army cooks shall pass through Aldershot, carrying back an expert knowledge of cookery to their units in all commands.

In theory, every unit that sends a man to the Aldershot course should have no more cookery troubles.

I wonder if this is so.

## Stiff Course

The cooks at this school are of several grades.

There is the man who was a cook in civilian life. He is taking a three months' course in order to qualify for trademark's pay, as laid down in an Army Order of 1939.

This is a stiff course and a man does not usually pass it unless he has had from three to five years' experience of civilian cooking.

Then there are sergeant cooks, emergency cooks, and A.T.S. cooks, all of whom go through a course in real and ideal cookery, spending a portion of their time in the Ritz, as it were, and the rest in the yard outside with the dioxies.

These return to their units to put their knowledge into practice after a course of from five to six weeks.

A new development is a three months' course for hospital cooks.

In addition to practical cookery, messengers are given a two weeks' course in subjects connected with food, rations and waste; and there should be a mess officer to every unit of 500 men.

How vast is the whole problem of Army cooking can be judged from the fact that out of every 60 men called up, one should be trained as a cook. So that in an Army of 2,000,000 men, 40,000 are cooks!

If cooking is not yet first-class throughout the Army, it is certainly not the fault of the Army School.

Its standards are those of a good hotel, and it is inspired by the reformer's zeal.

To enter this school, still more, to have lunch at the Commandant's table, is to enter a world where Army rations become instantly delicious and appetising, cooked in that aluminium palace and under the scrutiny of chefs in high white caps and check trousers.

But, after all, the test is: do cooks return from the School able to put their knowledge into practice? And, if not, why?

## Orderlies Blamed

There is a story of a sergeant cook who greeted one of his cooks, newly returned from a course, with—

"Well, Brown, and what did they teach you at the school?"

Brown plunged into an earnest account of soups, entrees, roasts, and a number of fancy ailments.

"Well, forget it," said the sergeant, "and go and peel them spuds!"

Whether there is any truth in this story or not, it suggests that a cook returning from a cookery

course may be either chilled or encouraged!

Cooks, with whom I have discussed Army cookery, say that the problem is not how to cook the food, but how to get it in good condition from the kitchen to the men.

Some cooks blame mess orderlies for making good food unappetising by slopping out a spoonful of potato, piling cabbage on top, flinging out a slice of meat and adding a generous splash of gravy to the mixture.

I should have thought that troops could have dealt with this in their own inimitable way.

Other cooks say that bad cooking conditions and the perpetual grind get them down.

"If you could see the dinners of a thousand men!" said one. "Imagine the potatoes alone! It's very easy to get the wind up when you're cooking in the Army, and, because you're afraid of being late, starting too soon and over-cooking everything."

But surely the cook who gets the wind up ought to be given a change of employment in these days when the Army claims to find the right man for the right job!

The more you examine the question of cooking in the Army, the more you realise that something which is supremely simple in theory becomes in practice exceedingly difficult.

Almost everybody has been blamed for this, from the colonel and the orderly officer down to the man who lights the cook-house fire; yet none of these is really a convincing scapegoat.

## Hope

It may be that the improvement in cooking which, I am told, is perceptible in spite of all that I have said, may eventually spread from the School of Cookery right through the Army.

That, at least, is the pious hope of the reformers.

And I can tell Army cooks that, as a reward for their zeal, it is possible that one of these days they may be granted the right to put up an attractive arm-badger. This is the new crest of the Army School of Cookery.

Its history is as follows. Some months ago the Commandant, thinking that Army Cookery deserved a distinctive badge, sent up to the War Office a rough sketch showing an electric stove above a wreath of bay leaves.

## Award It!

When it arrived at the War Office, an adviser in catering objected to it because the stove was not of the most modern pattern.

The design then came to Garter King at Arms, who said that the stove was not sufficiently archaic. He therefore designed a new crest.

This shows a circle containing a conventional Greek cooking-pot surrounded by golden flames, and on top of the circle is the Crown, and below is a wreath with the motto, "Escam in tempore"—food in time.

This attractive crest is, so far as I know, the only new one granted to the Army since the War. It would be a good move if the War Office would permit cooks to wear it.

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## MONGKOK RIOT

Crowd Injures Indian Constable &amp; Civilian

An Indian constable and a Mr. Pascoe, of 111, Prince Edward Road, were injured in a riot at Mongkok last night, when a crowd of Chinese attacked the police officer who attempted to arrest two unlicensed hawkers.

Mr. Pascoe was hurt on the right hand and the Indian constable suffered injuries to his head and right knee. Both were treated at the Kowloon Hospital.

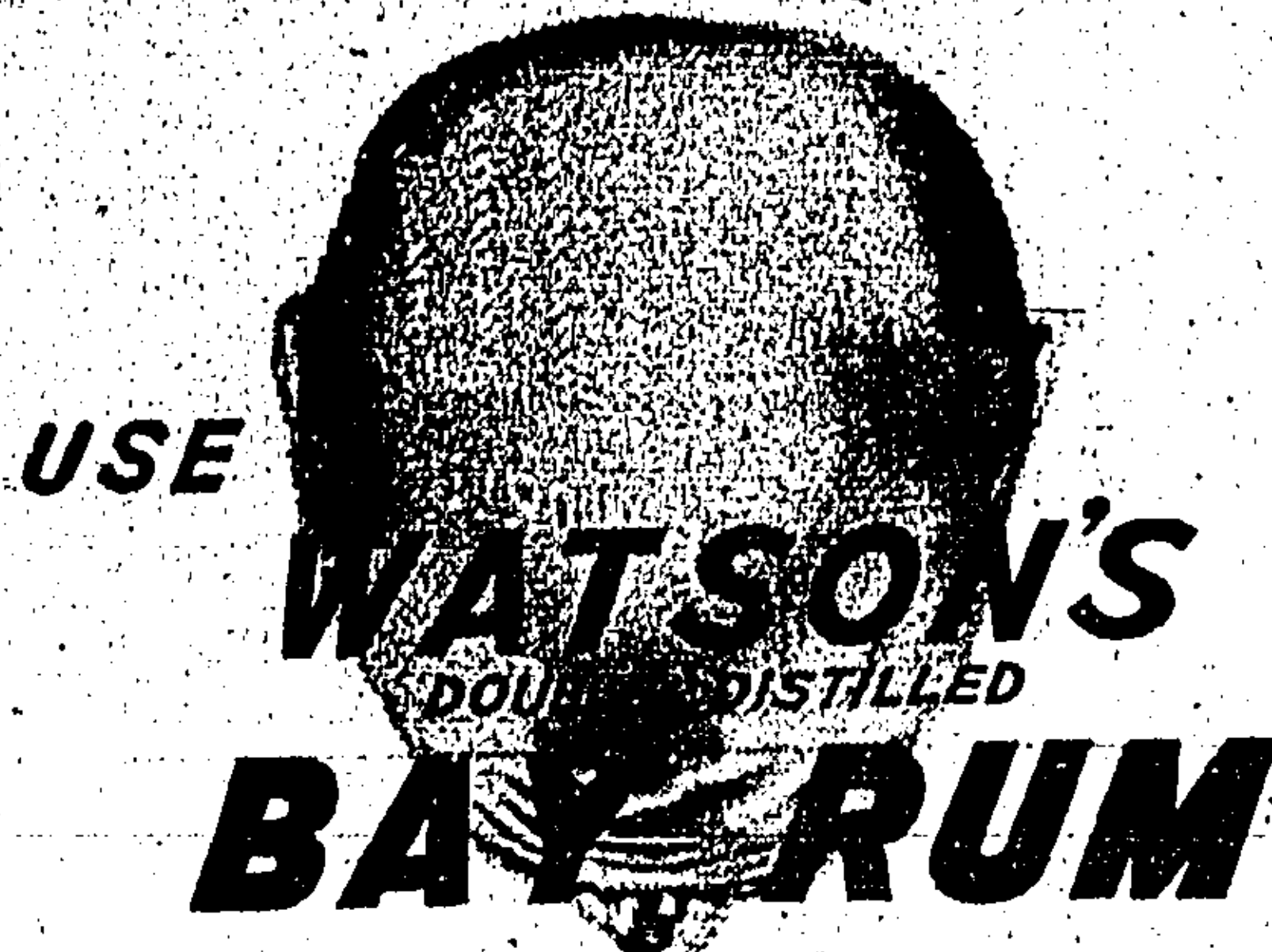
The trouble started when the Indian police officer attempted to arrest the hawkers. A crowd gathered around demonstrating and attempting to stop him from making the arrests. Stones were thrown at him and the situation became so bad that the Indian was forced to draw his revolver and fire a shot in the air.

Mr. Pascoe who was passing went to the constable's rescue and eventually the crowd was dispersed. Two Chinese men and a woman were arrested.

The next General Meeting of the Hongkong University Science Society will be held on Tuesday, April 8, at 8.30 p.m., in Room "C" of the Main Building when Dr. D. S. W. Ling, Ph.D., will deliver a Lecture entitled "Some Hongkong Sea-shore Animals".



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## GOVERNMENT HOUSE

GOVERNMENT House, for 89 years the official residence of His Excellency the Governor, and a prominent island landmark, is in the process of disintegration. It is no longer fit for habitation. The unpleasant news is dramatised by the swift progress of the damage—in less than three months the building has become a mass of cracks and broken masonry. Similarly disturbing is the cause for such a state of affairs. Old age has possibly made some contribution, but primarily the building has been the victim of the Colony's defence preparations.

Forty feet below Government House has been constructed an A.R.P. tunnel. In consequence of this work the Government House grounds have suffered a subsidence and the effect upon the Governor's residence has been devastating. The subsidence is continuing and at the present time there is scarcely a room unaffected. In some parts the walls have been split from top to bottom; the wall in one upstairs room has come apart and daylight now permeates through a two-inch crack; a water pipe in the gardens has been forced out of position and the stone steps leading down to the lower levels of the grounds have been thrown out of alignment. From its appearance, Government House might well have been the victim of an earthquake.

The building is manifestly unsafe and it appears that His Excellency must seek elsewhere for an official residence; this is hardly the happiest form of welcome which could have been made to Sir Geoffrey upon his return to the Colony. It is a technical opinion is agreed that the boring of the A.R.P. tunnel beneath the house is the principal reason for the damage, the matter calls for strict official investigation.

It is now certain that Government House is beyond repair, and when normal times return to the Colony, the question arising will be what to do with such a valuable site. The obvious alternative appears to be either to build new Government offices or to use it for the construction of our much needed city hall, museum and library. This, however, is all in the future; for the present the Colony can only regret that such a fate should overtake Government House and to express sympathy to His Excellency that he should be placed in such a predicament at a time when the necessity of possessing a central and accessible residence is greater than ever before.

# MESSRS A.S. WATSON & COMPANY CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

A brief outline of the early history of the Company, which celebrated its hundredth anniversary of the founding of the business this year, was given by Mr D. E. Clark, Chairman, at the fifty-sixth annual meeting of Messrs A. S. Watson and Co, Ltd, held at the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel this morning. The nett profit for the year amounted to \$438,831.26, the sum being \$60,000 better than the preceding year.

The Chairman was supported by Mr J. Scott Harston, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and Mr S. T. Williamson, Directors, and Mr Wm Paterson, Secretary and Director. Shareholders present were Messrs A. Vaswani, Hool Yip-beng, Peter Wong, W. T. Hansen, C. B. Brown, N. V. A. Croucher, J. E. Jupp, L. Guy, F. W. Stapleton, J. A. Tarrant, Wong Kin-toi and K. C. Mark.

The Chairman said:—This year, marking as it does the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the business, it gives me added pleasure to be in a position to present to shareholders so favourable a record. It is in fact our best year since the figures shown in the Accounts, I consider it appropriate on this occasion to give you, briefly, an outline of our early history.

In the same year that Hongkong was transferred to the British flag, a Naval Surgeon conceived the idea of establishing a dispensary. At what was then known as Possession Point and fulfilled the function of furnishing medicinal requirements to the Services under the title of "The Hongkong Dispensary," a name which is still associated with the Retail Drug portion of our present day business. Dr A. S. Watson, to whom our Company owes its name, did not arrive in the Colony until 1850 and, as may be imagined, the activities of the concern were confined almost entirely to the dispensing of medicines and the sale of druggists' sundries although it is of interest to note that, even at that early stage, the manufacture and sale of aerated waters was carried on. From that period onwards business gradually expanded until in 1886 it was decided to convert the firm to a Limited Liability Company.

## Fluctuations of Fortune.

During the many years I have been associated with the Company—first in London and subsequently here—I have naturally witnessed many changes affecting the development of the Colony and, consequently, business life of this community. Like all other concerns our Company has on this account experienced fluctuations of fortune and I can well recall—about thirty years ago when the Colony was undergoing one of its difficult periods—certain anonymous correspondence appeared in the local Press written, presumably, by a shareholder to the effect that the Company was moribund and, consequently, should be wound up. Replying to this, the Chairman at that time—Mr Henry Humphreys—not only convincingly refuted this contention, but additionally indicated that our business, far from being moribund as asserted, had on the other hand never been in a stronger financial position. All this, of course, is a matter of more or less ancient history. It is nevertheless a source of pride and satisfaction to the Management to be able to state that without fear of contradiction that the Company at the present time enjoys a far sounder standing than ever before.

Regarding the future outlook, it is impossible for one to venture more than a guess, particularly in view of existing circumstances; I shall not therefore attempt anything of this nature, but I can rightly state that we enter on our second century of operations full of confidence concerning the years now before you, it will be noted that nett profit for the year amounts to \$438,831.26, this being some \$60,000 better than the preceding year which, as you will probably recall, included a profit of \$25,500 accruing from the sale of our Kowloon Dispensary building. In arriving at the above-mentioned profit, allowance was made covering reservation of \$50,000, being assessed amount due as Corporation Tax for 1941/2 and payable at the end of the current year. Additionally, Profit and Loss Account includes donation of \$10,000 which was made to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund.

## Outstanding Accounts

As regards the various items detailed in the Balance Sheet, there is included with our other Reserve the sum of \$5,711.26 representing amounts recovered to date on outstanding claims which had previously been written off against the special allocation in 1938 of \$60,000 for Outstanding Accounts in China. It is possible that further amounts of this nature may be collected in which event they will be credited in like manner. Also under "Liabilities" it will be observed that deduction of \$34,027.25 has been made from the Balance Brought Forward from the previous year of \$90,855.84, representing Corporation Tax on the Profits for the preceding period and paid to Government in December last.

On the Assets side of the Balance Sheet, the principal items calling for comment are "Stocks in Trade and Sundry Stores" which show an increase of \$176,549.07. This, however, cannot be regarded as abnormal, in view of the volume of business now being handled also anticipated difficulties in the near future in obtaining necessary supplies of short stock requirements, owing to shortage of tonnage and other factors consequent on the prevailing situation. Sundry Debtors and Debt Balances (less reserve for Bad and Doubtful Debts) amount to \$265,120.13, a decrease of almost \$40,000 on the figure

previously given, and attributable to necessary curtailment of credit facilities. Owing to the hazards involved, also to remittances covering outstanding claims resolved more promptly than hitherto. As regards cash with our Bankers, the amount of \$228,268.40 shows an increase of \$214,201.13 over the figure given in the previous Balance Sheet.

## Canton Branch Results

It is satisfactory to note that all Departments have contributed substantially towards this favourable balance. In particular our Canton Branch, after adverse results for the last few years, showed a fair profit on the year's working, a commendable performance, I am sure you will agree, taking into consideration the difficulties and restrictions which the present situation in that area imposes on trading operations.

Before concluding my remarks, I feel it opportune to relate to you a pleasing incident that occurred in recent months, when I received a letter addressed to me personally. On opening the envelope I was surprised to find \$2,000 in Bank notes with a covering letter in Chinese which, on translation, indicated that the sender had transacted business with "Watson's" about 40 years ago but, unfortunately, his firm went into bankruptcy owing our Company about \$1,500; continuing, the writer advised that subsequent to that time he had "made good" and, returning to the Colony on retirement, he had not forgotten this amount owed by him and consequently, in order to repay his debt plus interest, he now enclosed the aforesaid amount. We were unable to get in touch with the sender as no address was given, but in accordance with his suggestion we acknowledged this remittance in the local Chinese press. I trust you will agree with me that this gentleman's very worthy action deserves special mention.

## Star Quarters Remodelled

Regarding the recommendations as to location of profits, you will observe that it is proposed to transfer \$100,000 to Building Improvements. Explaining our action in this matter, I would mention that our Hongkong properties include ten Chinese houses at Electric Road, North Point, near our Warehouse Department and utilised as staff quarters. These tenements are not only old, but generally dilapidated; consequently, it is our plan to remodel them almost entirely, modernising them in accordance with present day requirements. This work, I may add, has already been put in hand and these premises should be ready for occupation in a matter of four to five months' time.

Before closing my remarks, I should like again to refer to the Company's Centenary. To mark the occasion, it was originally intended arranging some form of celebration, but owing to the general world situation it is considered by your Directors and General Managers that anything of this nature would not be in accord with general opinion; consequently, the idea has been dropped, and I hope Shareholders will agree with me that this is the correct course to adopt in the circumstances.

I now formally propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts, as presented, be adopted and that the Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account as at October 31, 1940, namely, \$503,059.85 be appropriated as follows:—

To pay a Dividend of 80 cents per Share absorbing.....	\$120,000.00
To pay a Bonus of 60 cents per Share.....	90,000.00
To transfer to General Reserve.....	100,000.00
To place to Reserve for building improvements, To transfer to Chinese Staff Superannuation Account.....	10,000.00
And Carry Forward to Next Account.....	83,059.85
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## Secunder's Remarks

Mr F. W. Stapleton, in seconding the proposed dividend, for many years now, it has been my pleasure, on a number of occasions, to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented by the Chairman of the Company and, once again, I have to congratulate the Management on the very excellent Report which has been placed before us, while I feel sure that Shareholders will also wish me to thank the Staff, on their behalf, for the good work they have accomplished during the year.

I have listened with particular interest to our Chairman's remarks dealing with the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the business; especially as I happen to hold the distinction of being associated with "Watson's" since 1889, when I became a member of the staff and, after varied experience managing branches in Amoy, Foochow and Manila, in addition to many years' service at their Hongkong establishments, I retired from the Company in 1925. Incidentally, it may be of interest, on this occasion, to record the fact that I happen to be the only member of the staff now in the Colony, who had the opportunity of attending the celebrations held to mark the occasion of the Company's Jubilee in 1891.

## Company's Centenary

As may be imagined, the occasion of the Company's Centenary recalls to memory many—what might be termed—colourful incidents associated

with the operations of the business of those earlier times and, it is in the nature of things, that very many changes have occurred with the years affecting staff personnel and the fortunes of the Company. It is, however, a source of much satisfaction to know that the 'old firm' has reached its century full of vigour, with moribund tendencies still a very long way off. Despite the difficulties of present day trading conditions, I feel sure that all Shareholders will concur with our Chairman that we start on our second century with the knowledge that the Company now occupies an exceedingly sound position and, consequently, we can safely regard the future with hope and confidence.

## Other Business

Mr J. Scott Harston, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr S. T. Williamson and Mr Wm Paterson were re-elected as Directors by a resolution proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr N. V. A. Croucher. Mr C. Bernard Brown and Mr S. T. Butlin were unanimously re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year at the same remuneration as hitherto, on the proposition of Mr J. A. Tarrant seconded by Mr J. E. Jupp.

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- 9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
- 9.30 A Saint-Saens Programme.
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- 10.15 Gounod's "Faust" Act III.

## Immigration Messenger Fined \$25

A fine of \$25 or a month's hard labour was imposed on Ng Chi-hon, 27, messenger, employed by the Immigration Office, by Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning, for obtaining \$25 by false pretences. Defendant was alleged to have obtained \$25 on March 4 from a shroff of the Immigration Department by virtue of a deposit receipt in the name of one Ho Kul.

On March 3, a deposit receipt was reported stolen and on the following day defendant presented the receipt and cashed it saying that he was the depositor. Defendant was arrested when the number of the receipt was checked with the one reported stolen. Defendant pleaded guilty. His mother was sick and he needed money to buy medicine for her. It was said that defendant had already given back \$25 to the Immigration Department as amends.

## CHINESE ESTATES

### Big Dividends Paid Last Year

The eighteenth annual General Meeting of Chinese Estates Limited, was held at the Company's office, China Building, at noon to-day.

Mr Leung Kwal-tin, Chairman, presided, assisted by the Hon. Sir Robert Klotzwall, Messrs Lau Tak-po, Leung Ting-kai, Li Ka-ze and Fung Ping-fan (Directors).

The Chairman said:—The nett profit for the year, after providing for Reserve for Depreciation on China Building \$30,000, Directors' and Auditors' Fees and all Expenses, amounts to \$180,610.08 which, added to \$127,089.92 brought forward from last account, totals \$307,700.00.

A comparison with last year's figures reveals an increase in the nett profit for the year of \$24,288.88.

A sum of \$17,975.00 was paid in War Taxation.

In spite of the erection in the neighbourhood of several new buildings suitable for offices, the demand for office-rooms in China Building remains undiminished, and during the year under review all office rooms and shops were let. This, no doubt, due to the advantageous position of the building, and to the extensive structural improvements which have been effected in recent years.

## Reserve of Depreciation

The amount of \$30,000 provided for Reserve for Depreciation on China Building is \$20,000 less than that of the previous year. Shareholders may remember that for 1938 and 1939 the amount annually provided for this purpose was \$30,000, but last year your Directors, having due regard to the uncertainty of the time, adopted the prudent policy of increasing the provision to \$50,000. However, the receipts of the past twelve months have shown an actual increase instead of a decrease, and your Directors, taking into consideration this fact, and also the fact that the Company has now to pay War Taxation amounting to nearly \$20,000, and that the amount standing to the balance of this Reserve has reached the sum of \$50,000, have decided to revert to the sum of \$30,000 as an appropriation for this head of expenditure. This action has the concurrence of the Auditor.

There have already been four payments of interim dividends, three of \$3 a share and one of \$2 a share, amounting in all to \$11 a share. Your Directors are now pleased to recommend a final dividend of \$2 a share, making in all \$13 a share for the year, as compared with \$10 a share for the previous year.

## High Dividends

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## DERELICT JUNK

Junk No. 3316TH was towed into Hongkong by another junk yesterday after it had been found derelict a mile east of Mira Point on March 29. The only thing aboard the junk was its licence book. Its three masts were sawn off. It was reported that the master of the junk had been traced and it is alleged that the damage was done by Japanese.

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# Signals And Sappers Prominent In Capture Of Asmara

("Reuter's" Correspondent In Eritrea)

ASMARA, Apr. 2.—It took three months of the fiercest fighting of the war in Africa to reach Asmara, the capital of Italy's oldest colony. The city stands on a great 7,000-foot high plateau protected on all sides by diminishing ranges of hills. Our troops advanced more than 250 miles across country designed for defence, stubbornly pushing back an enemy of more than twice their number.

The Italians had the advantage, through native troops used to the country. They are renowned fighters but their spirit was broken at Keren, and at Asmara the Italian High Command appeared to pin its faith on the crack Savoy Grenadiers and other white troops freshly brought from Addis Ababa but these quickly crumbled before the dash and determination of our forces.

The Eritrean campaign has virtually terminated before the rains come and the tremendous energy of the General Commanding the operations who, although he drove the troops hard, never found the response lacking.

For the greater part of the time, our men were fighting on the tops of steep hills two, three or four thousand feet high, yet they were always plentifully supplied with water. All whom I asked said that the rations were astonishingly good.

The Signal Corps performed extraordinary feats throughout the campaign. During the Battle of Keren, they laid 300 miles of wire, keeping it in order over ground constantly swept by machine-gun fire and mortars.

The Sappers also were unusually prominent since the rapid advance depended upon the speed with which they cleared the numerous blocks in the road. At all but one of these blocks they had to work under fire, yet they cleared them within 12 hours.

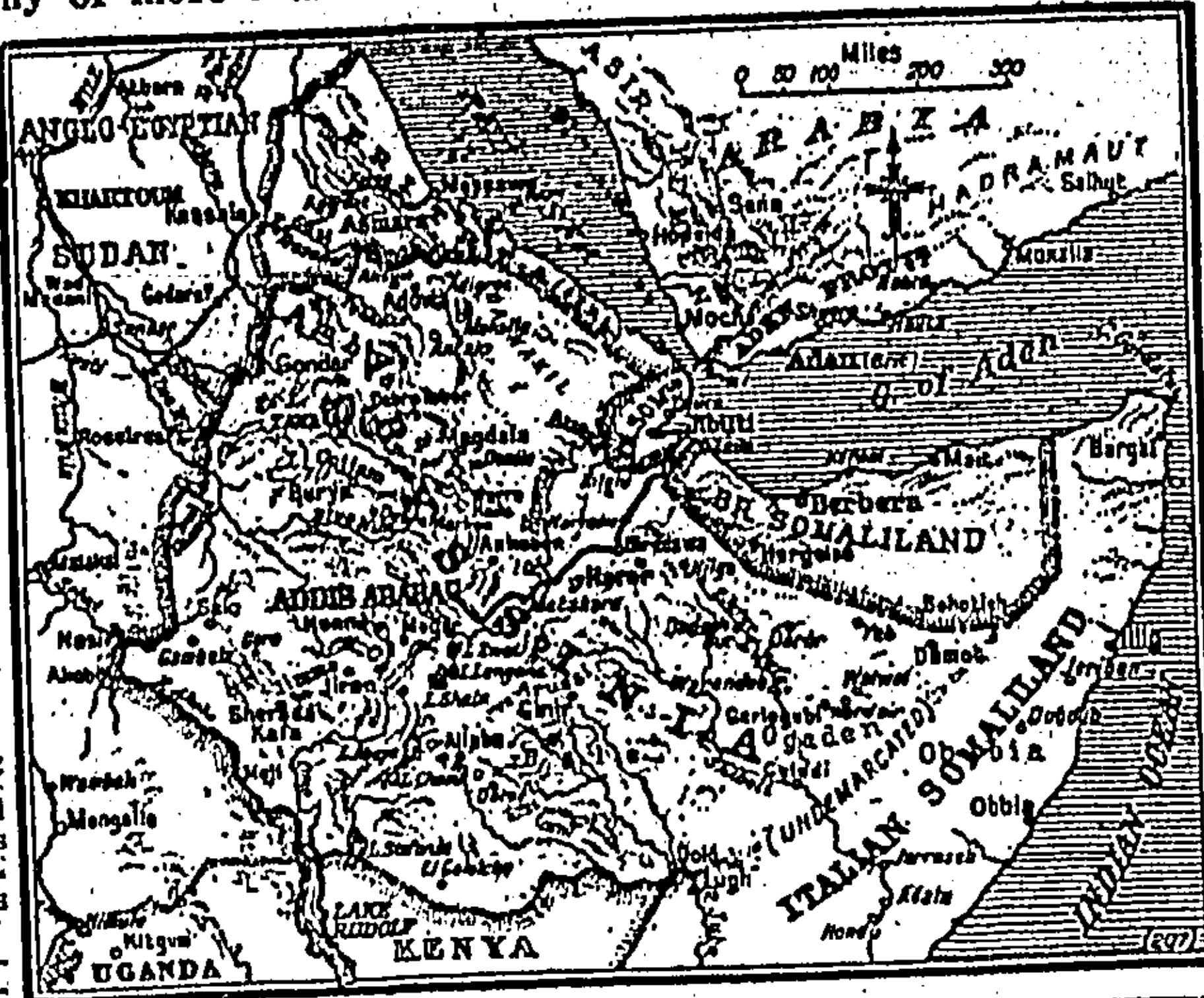
## Battalion Destroyed

In breaking through the fourth road block encountered, our troops destroyed a battalion of Savoy Grenadiers. Seventeen officers and 500 men were captured, including the Colonel, who was found hiding in a ditch.

Over 100 Eritreans were taken. Our armoured vehicles advanced along the road to Asmara. Indian troops ranged over the hills on both sides, pushing the Italians off the heights and simultaneously another mobile force advanced down the railway six miles to the south. The capitulation of the capital was the sequel.

## N. Y. Stock Exchange

NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—A seat on the New York Stock Exchange has been sold for \$22,000, showing a decline of \$3,000 from the previous sale. This represents a new record low level.



# British Officers Sent To Polish Camp

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Seven hundred British officers prisoners of war in Germany have been transferred to camps in Poland possessing inferior amenities on the ground that conditions in an officers' prison camp in Canada did not conform to the Prisoners of War Convention.

This was revealed by Mr R. Law, Financial Secretary to the War Office, in the House of Commons today. Mr Law said that enquiries had shown that the allegations regarding the Canadian camp were completely unfounded and that the camp had been favourably reported on by the International Red Cross.

Strong representations, Mr Law added, had been made to the German Government which he hoped would result in the return of the officers to their original camp.

## Italian Apologia

(BY "REUTER'S" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Apr. 2.—The apology issued by the Italian authorities explained away the crushing defeat of the Italian Navy off Cape Matapan as a naive document which shows how completely the Italians are deceiving or attempting to deceive themselves.

It admits the losses, which could not be concealed because the survivors of the crews are in British hands, but says nothing about the damage to the Vittorio Veneto which may or may not have got home.

Indeed it conveniently overlooks the presence of this fast super-battleship and two other battleships of the Cavour class, and only speaks of light units which were out-gunned by heavy but much slower craft. It somewhat lamely attempts to make capital out of the fact that they did not use their superior speed "for reasons of an important character" which are not specified, but there is silence regarding the British claim that they were lamed by the British torpedo attacks from the air.

The statement also passes over in silence the fact that German aircraft fired upon the British vessels engaged in rescue work.

# British Officers Describe Great Naval Victory

("Reuter" With Mediterranean Fleet)

ALEXANDRIA, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Eye-witness stories of the great Mediterranean battle were given "Reuter" to-day by officers in the battleships Barham and Valiant and the cruiser Gloucester.

These made clear that the lightning broadsides from our battleships nipped in the bud any hopes the Italians may have had of hitting back. The Italian cruisers, Zara and Fiume, received broadsides from the Barham and Valiant within a few seconds of sustaining direct hits from the Warspite.

Captain G. C. Cooke of the Barham compared the battleships which used six-inch as well as 15-inch guns to a "team of three perfectly trained boxers." The Barham's first broadside scored a direct hit under the bridge of one cruiser and the second caused a series of explosions.

As this cruiser then began burning furiously from bow to stern, the Barham shifted her fire to the second ship in the line which was already burning. She received a broadside near the waterline. The fire aboard her became so fierce that a further target was sought but none was found.

An eye-witness said that the cruiser's guns remained pointing fore and aft throughout the action. The only fire they put up came from Breda guns with tracer shells from anti-aircraft armament.

**Best Night Shoot Ever**  
Commissioned Gunner Edwards of the Barham described the broadsides as the "best night shoot I have ever seen." He told how for many years the British Navy constantly practised night actions.

Captain Cooke spoke in the highest praise of every man in his ship, including the cook, who continued to serve food.

Aboard the Gloucester, I was told how the Gloucester, Orion, Ajax and Perth contacted the enemy warships throughout last Friday while they endeavoured to lure them in the direction of the British Fleet.

The officers of the Gloucester and Orion testified to the good shooting of the Italians. The Gloucester is keeping shell splinters as trophies though these did not scratch her paint-work in falling aboard her.

When the Italians closed, our cruisers were able to reply and several of their salvos fell near them. Shortly afterwards the Italian battleship, Vittorio Veneto, was sighted, approaching full speed with a tremendous bow wave. All her guns were soon trained on our cruiser squadron.

**Crippling Attack**  
After the battleship had been firing for some time, it was noticed that her range was lengthening. This was when torpedo bombers from the aircraft-carrier Formidable were making their crippling attack on her.

With our battle fleet coming up, the four cruisers were again sent ahead to try and contact the enemy. They succeeded towards evening when the Air Arm was carrying out their dusk attack.

After nightfall our cruisers continued to hunt for the Italian Fleet. Meanwhile our battleships had got in range of the Zara and Fiume which were apparently assisting the stricken cruiser Pola.

# Axis Ships Protest Is Rejected

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has decided to reject the German and Italian demands for the release of seized Axis ships. It is understood.

Asked at a press conference whether there was any present intention of releasing the ships as demanded by the Axis protest, Mr Hull said that he had not heard of it in Government quarters.

When the United States replied to the protests, he added, the State Department would probably take up with the Italian and German Embassies the question of publishing correspondence.

**Italy's Action In 1915**  
LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The right of the United States under international law to requisition 25 Italian, two German and 30 Danish ships of war, was maintained by Professor Goodhart, an authority on international law, broadcasting tonight in the B.B.C. home news.

Every nation has the right, if it is in pressing need of ships, he said, to requisition foreign vessels in its territorial waters, subject to payment of fair compensation.

Italy in 1915 seized 37 German ships although the countries were then at peace. Portugal, Brazil, Peru and Spain took similar action.

# IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF WAR

No Necessity Yet

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The formation of an Imperial War Council, consisting of the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the Dominions, Southern Rhodesia or their representatives, a representative of India and representatives of the colonies and protectorates, was suggested by Lord Elibanks in the House of Lords to-day.

Viscount Cranborne, Secretary of State for the Dominions, intimated that the Government opposed the suggestion as not at present practicable or possible. He added that there were doubtless circumstances and situations in which a conference of Dominion Prime Ministers might be of the utmost value.

A point might be reached in which we might be able to look more into the future than at present and at such a moment, an Imperial Conference might be essential.

In the Government's view, that moment had not yet come but should the situation alter so as to make it possible to have such a conference, the Government would heartily welcome it.

# Near East Bombing

South Africans Drive Off Italians

CAIRO, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The bombing of enemy aerodromes in Tripolitania and South African Air Force activities in Eritrea and Abyssinia are features of an R.A.F. communique.

It says that the R.A.F. continues to give active support to the successful operations of our ground forces in Eritrea. South African fighters intercepted and drove off a number of Italian planes in the Asmara area.

In Southern Abyssinia, South African aircraft attacked enemy communications and defences and various kinds of transport between Awash and Adama.

Motor transport was also bombed and machine-gunned at many other places. Enemy aerodromes in Tripolitania were bombed yesterday by our aircraft.

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**"Open Door" Is Shut To British Trade In China**

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Questioned about the "Open Door" trade policy in China in the House of Commons to-day, Mr R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) said that the British Government had for some time been watching the trend of Japanese policy towards foreign interests in China and in particular the effect on British trade.

Recently he took opportunity to draw the attention of the Japanese Ambassador to the present state of affairs found impossible to reconcile with the past protestations of the Japanese Government about the maintenance of the "Open Door."

Asked by Sir John Wardlaw-Milne whether it was right to assume that the Japanese had now gone back on all their agreements regarding European interests, Mr Butler said: "We have, on one hand, Japanese statements, and on the other hand the situation as it is now developing. The Japanese statements say that their policy is unchanged whereas the more we look at the situation the more unsatisfactory we see it to be."

That is why we have taken the opportunity to bring the matter to the urgent attention of the Japanese Government."

**U.S. DEFENCE CONFERENCE**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—In order to accelerate progress with the National Defence and Foreign Aid programmes, President Roosevelt has requested his Secretaries of State, of War, Navy and the Treasury, and Mr Harry Hopkins, who is in charge of the aid to democracies programme, to confer with him this afternoon.

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## "Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

### Encouragement For Beginners Short Apprenticeship Before Rudiments Are Mastered

FEW GAMES are so easy to learn as hockey. The beginner is not faced with the prospect of a long and hard novitiate or constant and assiduous striving for a standard that is not to be had until some distant future date. His experience will not be that of a tennis player, for instance, who must battle through ten years of tournament play—or so I am told—before he can achieve first-class form.

At the most it will be only three or four years before he is at his best. In his first season he will attain a proficiency that is possible in few other games.

The fact is that hockey is a natural game. One of the games that come easily to one who has the ordinary physique, a good eye and average intelligence. It is as easily learned as football, and more easily played.

The cricketer's transition from that game to hockey is without violence, for the main strokes of one are common to the other. The Association footballer, too, passes to hockey almost as readily, so akin are the general outlines of the two games.

But simple as hockey is to learn and play, the beginner will serve a pleasant apprenticeship, and more quickly overtake the skill he desires by starting out right; by being grounded in the rudiments by early acquiring a knowledge of the strokes used and the best manner in which to use them.

#### How To Change Places

THE changing of places is often carried out between an inside and an outside forward, a centre and an inside forward, and a half and a back.

Imagine a winger, to reach a badly delivered pass, going inwards a few yards, drawing with him the oppos-

ing half-back. Then is the time for the inside man to move behind his winger to the vacated position. A return pass thus often finds the outer man unmarked, and much progress can be made down the wing. But this movement to be effective must be done quickly.

A centre-forward for various reasons, dribbles the ball occasionally towards the inside men, and as he does so these latter should see at once whether they are likely to be crowded out and if so move into the centre.

These are but a few of the moves that a beginner has to learn, and they are as simple in theory as they are in practice.

### Bisley Meeting Results

#### Changes In Programme

Results of the second day of the Bisley meeting of the Rifle Association at Kowloon City yesterday were:

Open prize list.—Sgt. Chuan Mohamed (23), 4, C.S.M. Stanford (23), Sgt. Hussman (23), 6, Sgt. Cole (23), 7, Pte Williams (23), 8, Pte Stewart (22), 9, Sgt. Menhick (22), Sgt. J. R. Wall (22), 10.

Special prize list.—1, Bdm. Nix (21), 2, Pte Higgins (20), 3, Pte Bellanbamb (19), 4, Pte Ward (18), 5, L/C Quickenden (17), 6, C.A.C. Callaghan (16), 7, Pte Dunne (15), 8, L/C Greenough (14), 9, Pte Failing (13), 10, H.M.S. Tamar beat C Company Middlesex.

Certain changes in to-day's programme are announced. They are: Company Match.—Middlesex B Company and Middlesex D Company will fire their Company Match Competition on a Range at 9 a.m. Royal Scots B Company and Royal Scots Headquarters Company will fire their Company Match Competition on a Range at 9.30 a.m.

Platoon Match.—The Platoon Match will start at 10 a.m. instead of 9.30 a.m. and all details will be half an hour later than originally shown. Practice and Pool.—The Practice and Pool shoot will not take place from 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., but there will be Practice and Pool Shooting from 2 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. immediately before the final of the Association Service Rifle Championship which will start at 2.30 p.m.

### K. C. C. Teams For Saturday

#### Cricket League Games

The following teams will represent the K.C.C. in cricket league matches on Saturday.

First eleven, at home to the C.S.C.C.: E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, E. F. Fincher, D. Hung, R. E. Lee, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge and N.A.E. Mackay. Reserve, W. W. Parsons, Scorer, T. W. Carr; umpire, J. P. Robinson.

Second eleven, away to C.S.C.C.: S. A. Gray, T. A. Minder, E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, W. L. Ripley, R. J. Fenton, H. Brokenshire, W. C. Hung, G. E. Taylor, G. A. Goodban and F. Goodwin. Reserve, L. R. Burch; umpire, R. Leight.

### Sunday's Hockey Fixtures

The following are the fixtures for Sunday:

AT 10.30 A.M.			
Police "A"	v.	Recreo	
Nomads	v.	2nd M.T.B's.	
C.B.A.	v.	R. Signals	
Destroyers	v.	University	

AT 4 P.M.  
5th A.A. Bly "B" v. R. Engineers  
The first named team will play at home.

### Random Jottings

#### Ladies Seven-A-Side Tournament

I WOULD LIKE to use this space to point out that next Saturday the Ladies Seven-a-side Tournament is being played at King's Park, and that the proceeds are to be devoted to the Bomber Fund.

Seven or more teams will probably participate, and as has been in the past, these games are always worth watching. On this occasion, for a small donation, the spectator will be afforded some hours of keen amateur sport.

The promoters of this tournament deserve every possible support in their desire to assist a good cause, and I would urge all those who have an idle afternoon to visit King's Park and enjoy the hockey.

THE two unbeaten teams in the H.K.H.A. Tournament, the Police "A" and the Club de Recreo, will meet at Boundary Street next Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m. There will be no charge for entrance to the Police ground, but I have been informed by the Police hockey secretary that Bomber boxes will be taken around before and during the match.

A stick will be raffied, the proceeds of which will also go to the Bomber Fund. The lucky number will be drawn at the conclusion of the game, and the captain of the winning team will be asked to autograph the stick. It is going to be a most interesting match, and here again I would ask enthusiasts to render the utmost support.

TO-MORROW (Friday) at 4.30 p.m. the Police "A" will clash with the Royal Engineers in their H.K.H.A. fixture on the U.S.R.C. ground. The Guardians of the Law will have to be on their toes, as the Sappers are quite capable of shattering their unbeaten record.

THE Umpires Association will hold a meeting at St. Andrew's Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow, and the H.K.H.A. Council will meet at 6 p.m. next Tuesday at the European Y.M.C.A. to discuss the International Tournament.

### SOCCER MATCHES CANCELLED

Further matches with Hongkong's Eastern Athletic Association soccer team have been cancelled as a result of a decision arrived at by the football committee of the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation following last night's riot.

The game scheduled for to-night between the Shanghai basketballers and the Manila Gas Corporation team has also been cancelled, pending a meeting of the basketball committee to-morrow. —United Press.

### Quadrangular Tourney

#### British Army Suffers First Defeat

IN THEIR RETURN MATCH in the Quadrangular Tournament, the Indian Army gave Service supporters a rare tonic last Monday when they inflicted first defeat on the British Army 2-1.

### University Badminton Tournament Finals On Saturday

The finals of the University Badminton Tournaments will be played off on Saturday, April 5, commencing at 2 p.m., at the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium, University.

The following is the programme of matches:

Men's Singles.—K. W. Choy v. P. K. Ho.

Men's Doubles.—T. T. Chin and C. Y. Lee v. K. B. Low and P. K. Ho.

Ladies' Doubles.—Misses S. Patushinsky and M. Fatima v. Misses Lee Wai-kuen and L. Ghova.

Mixed Doubles.—Miss K. J. Hung and K. W. Choy v. Miss L. Ghova and H. F. Chew.

Exhibition Matches

Mixed Doubles.—Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira v. Miss Ullan Khoo and P. S. Bun.

Men's Singles.—M. P. Young and S. L. Yung.

In the men's singles, K. W. Choy, leading player from Malaya, who promises to capture the Hongkong Men's singles badminton title this year, will meet really serious opposition for the first time this season when he plays P. K. Ho, former triple titled-holder. A great match is expected to result.

In the exhibition mixed doubles, Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira, leading Recreo mixed doubles pair, will perform against Miss Khoo and P. S. Bun. In the men's singles, M. P. Young, Cambridge half-blue, who distinguished himself recently by a brilliant victory over P. K. Ho, will be on view against S. L. Yung, one of the most promising players in the University.

All in all, a very interesting afternoon is promised.

#### Badminton League

### St John's Beat Kowloon C.C. In Play-off

St John's will meet Chung Hwa for the B Division League Badminton championship on Wednesday as a result of their fine 6-3 victory over Kowloon last night at Recreo.

The earlier stages of the match saw four sets shared, but Eardley and Kwok and Smith and Wilson consolidated their position and they ran into a 5-2 lead before they dropped their next set.

R. Maynard was an absentee from St John's and G. W. Giffen was brought into the team to partner G. S. Ladd. P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher lost to H. C. Eardley and D. Kwok 15-21; beat G. W. Giffen and G. S. Ladd 21-2; lost to N. L. Smith and P. Wilson 11-21.

J. L. Anderson and E. Zimmern lost to Eardley and Kwok 10-21; beat Giffen and Ladd 21-5; lost to Smith and Wilson 12-21.

S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest lost to

It was one of the hardest fought games seen this season, fast and good hockey being the order of the day.

Though the British Army had the better of the exchange in the second period, their forwards were seldom given a chance to settle down due to the first-time tackling of their opponents. It was the best exhibition given by the Indians in the tournament.

From the bully-off to the final whistle it seemed that the Indians had made up their minds to show the Britishers what they could do, and royally did every man respond.

#### First Goal

THE first half was fairly even, and the ball travelled from end to end without result. But after the interval, the Indians attacked at once and Amnat Ali opened the scoring within fifteen minutes.

Ten minutes later the Britishers equalised with a good goal following a breakaway. Waldron sent Singleton down the left wing, and the latter centred nicely to Sheehan who made no mistake.

But the Indians, far from being "rattled" took up the offensive again and Faquir Mohamed, with cunning stickwork, beat Anderson to score with a deadly shot which grazed the post as it entered the net. Loffy Dove made a bold attempt to deflect the ball but without avail.

As is often the case when one side does the pressing, the defending side breaks away to score the winning goal.

#### Staunch Defence

HOWEVER, in the closing minutes, the Britishers were attacking strongly, and it seemed that they would equalise at any moment, but the Indian defence were not to be caught napping a second time, and they played up remarkably well to repel the vigorous onslaughts.

It was a gruelling game played at an exceptionally fast pace, and the British Army would not have lost had they shown more thrust in front of goal.

They had more scoring chances than did the Indians, but the forwards were prone to pause instead of shooting right away. Clague was a big culprit in this. And even when they did shoot there was little accuracy behind their shots.

#### The Better Players

FOR the Indian Army, Ajah Hussain distinguished himself at left back, and contrived to get through a good deal of work, while Bhag Singh, left half, also gave a fine display.

The forwards were fast and clever, and of these Faquir Mohamed and Amnat Ali with their brilliant stickwork were the pick.

The British forwards were rather disjointed, probably owing to their leader Hitchcock not being available, but Sheehan and Shaw gave their best.

Croston, pivot, was magnificent, his reverse stick checking and tackling being outstanding. Anderson, though at times erratic, supported Neave well at back.

This result, however, has no bearing on the championship, as the British Army were champions prior to their first defeat.

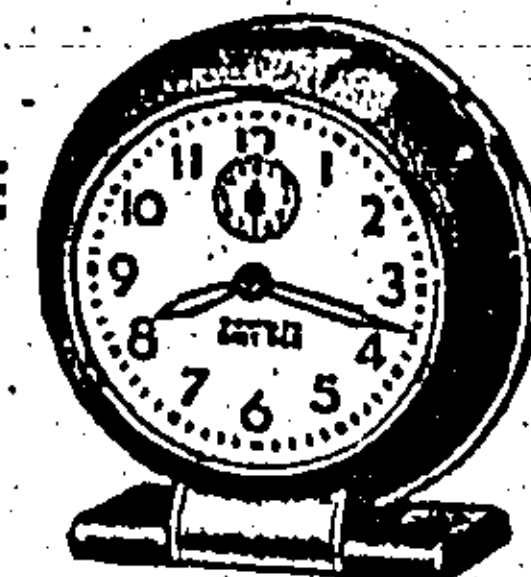
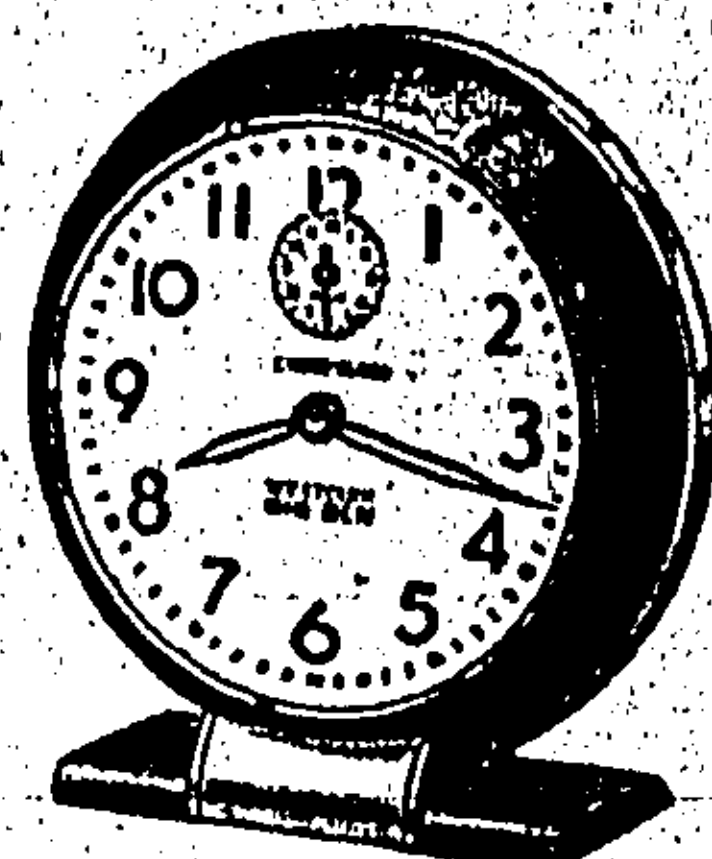
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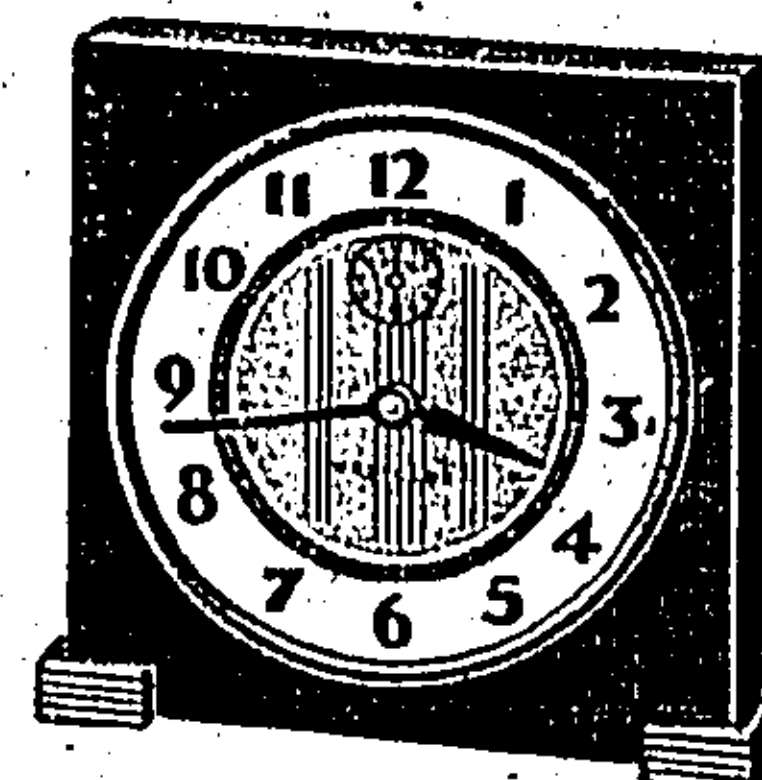
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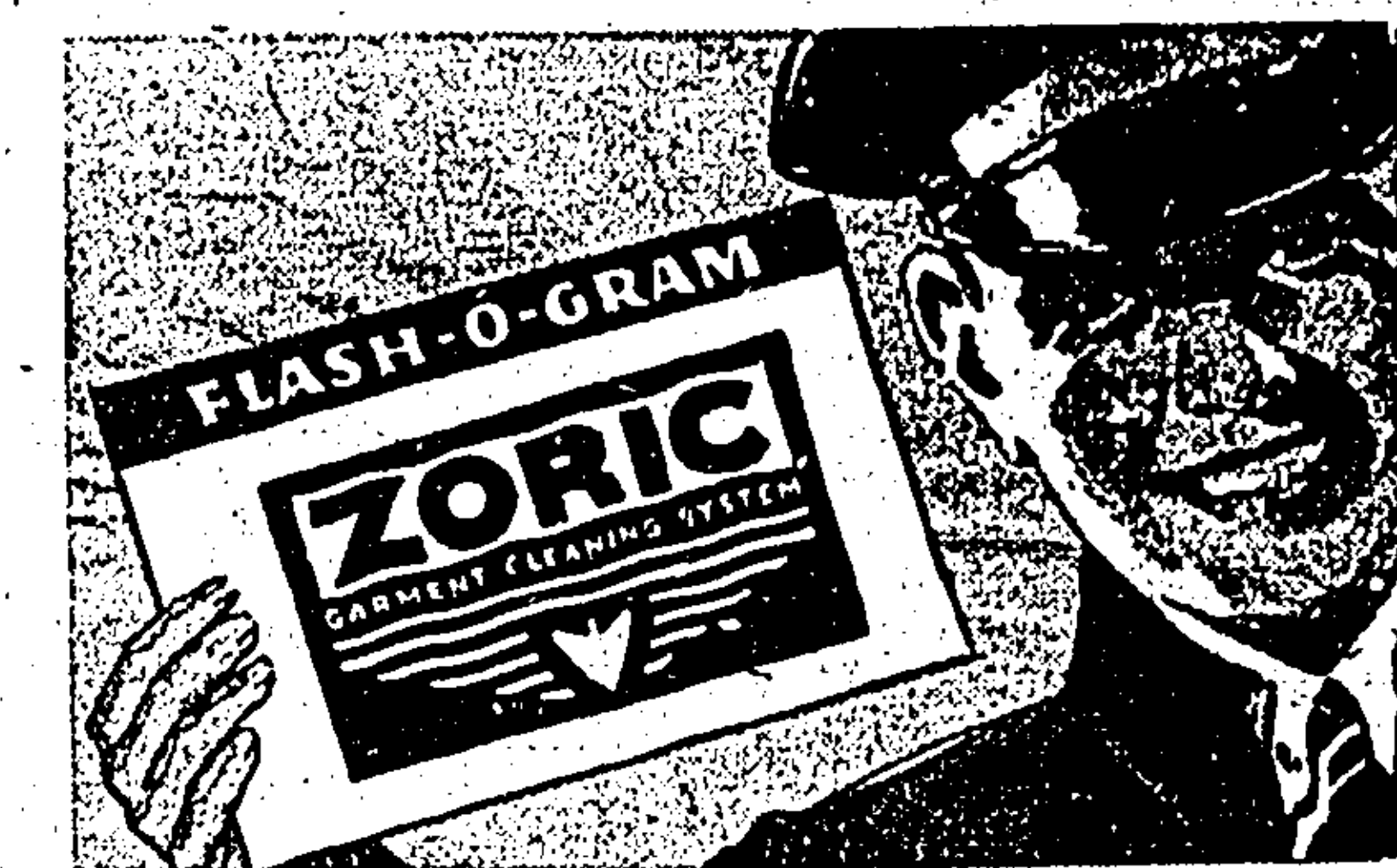
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# NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## Nazi Agitator Attempting To Stir up Trouble in S. America

NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Herr von Rieth, who as the former German Minister in Vienna took an active part in the abortive revolt against Chancellor Dollfuss in 1934, recently arrived in South America and is now in Chile, it is learned from circles here in close touch with events in Latin America.

Accompanied by General Niedenfurh, the South American specialist of the German Secret Service, he is understood to be making it his special business to stir up hostility to the United States in the southern hemisphere.

Herr von Rieth has already made himself conspicuous through his activities in the Argentine where, with the active help of the local German and Italian fifth columnists, he tried to play up to the nationalist feeling of the Argentinians against the United States and Britain.

It is recalled that in the first abortive attempt to destroy unity in Austria, von Rieth conspired with Hirtel, then Austrian Minister in Rome, against Chancellor Dollfuss. When on July 25, 1934, Nazi fifth columnists dressed as policemen and members of the Austrian armed forces stormed the Chancellery and shot Dollfuss, von Rieth appeared in front of the Prime Minister's headquarters and openly negotiated on

behalf of the insurgents with Dr Fey, Minister of the Interior.

He suggested that the revolt should be called off (it, in the meantime, had failed in the provinces) on condition that the Austrian Government assured the safe conduct of the Chancellor's murderers for whom von Rieth promised sanctuary in Germany.

### Extraordinary Attitude

The offer was rejected by President Miklas, who said that it was extraordinary for the diplomatic representative of a friendly neighbouring state to act as parliamentarian on behalf of men who had just killed the Prime Minister of the country to which he was accredited.

As the revolt had failed in any case, von Rieth was called immediately by Hitler, who disclaimed responsibility for the uprising. Since then, little has been heard of von Rieth who, however, appears to have been the head of the special section of the German Foreign Office in charge of fifth columns where he enjoyed the high rank of Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

## Tea Rained On Holland

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Departing from its pamphlet policy, the R.A.F. recently released over the Occupied Netherlands 75,000 bags of the finest Dutch Indies tea, each containing about an ounce. "Reuter" learns from Dutch sources.

On the label attached to each bag was printed the Netherlands flag with the words: "The Netherlands will rise again. Greetings from the Free Netherlands East Indies! China up!"

### Present From Planters

The tea was a present from Dutch Indies tea planters, who asked the Netherlands Colonial Office to pass it on in this way.

The Dutch news agency says: "Never have the Dutch people so gratefully received a gift from the Dutch Indies, especially as it is almost impossible to get an ounce of tea in Dutch shops."



M. and Mme de San after their wedding at St Joseph's Church on Wednesday. The bride was Miss Leonie de Chaffoy de Courcelles and her husband is Secretary to the Belgian Embassy to China.

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Lovely bridesmaids at the wedding of Miss de Chaffoy de Courcelles and M. de San at St Joseph's Church on Wednesday. They are Miss Joan Challinor and Sessan Christensen.

—Photo by Mee Cheung.

## ITALIAN U-BOAT, TANKER SUNK

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that a British submarine reports having sunk, in the Mediterranean, an Italian U-boat and the Italian tanker, Laura Corrado, of 8,045 tons.

## WOMEN OF INDIA

### Able Back Soldiers

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The striking manner in which the women of India have risen to the war's occasions in support of their fighting men was the subject of a talk given in the London Headquarters of the Overseas League by Mrs. Lal, wife of the Deputy Commissioner for India. The number of Allied countries represented in the audience, mostly in uniform, testified to the interest taken in the subject of Indian welfare work.

Under the inspiring leadership of Lady Linlithgow, said Mrs. Lal, the war work of Indian women was on a wide scale and covered all provinces.

### Funds And Comforts

In almost every large Indian city, women had come forward with offers of service through established organizations and others set up since the war began. The women of all communities were collecting funds for the R. & D. Cross, knitting for Indian soldiers and sailors, and receiving training for A.R.P. work.

In the larger ports, they were preparing to deal with casualties from battle fronts and assist soldiers and their families passing through the ports while the silver trinket fund of ornaments given to the cause had supplied a blood transfusion plant which was urgently required in the Middle East and provision for many ambulances.

The few Indian ladies left in London, Mrs. Lal added, were assisting the Indian Comforts Fund and providing much needed comforts for soldiers and seamen in colder climates. In this work they were aided by 600 ladies from all parts of Britain.

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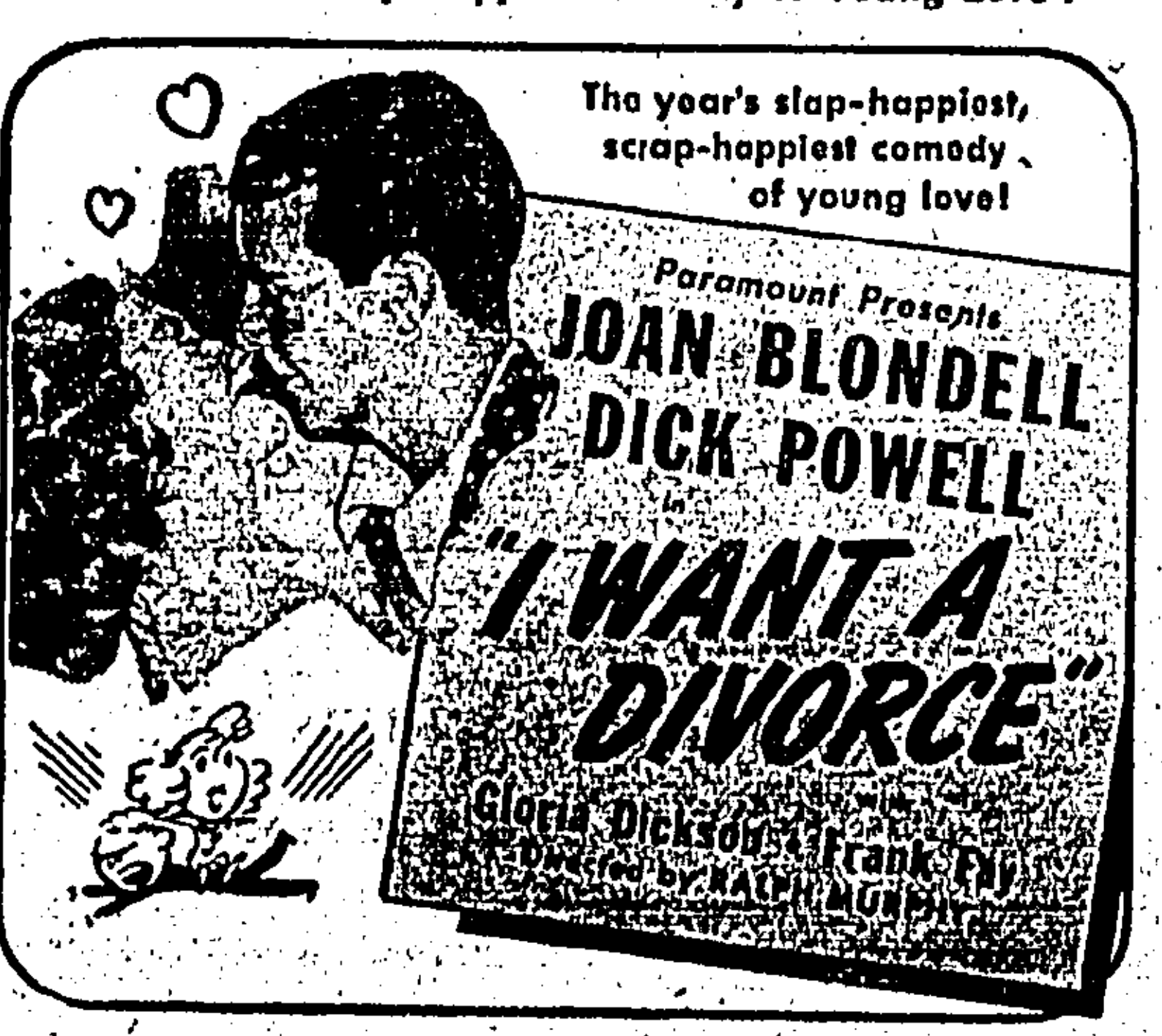
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## War Clouds Deepen - Italy Urges Peace

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Belgrade thought official intimation of the rupture of Yugo-Slav-German relations will probably be delayed, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Aftonbladet".

He adds that any German military action will probably require some weeks of preparation.

Meanwhile the uncertainty about the Yugo-Slav situation has compelled Italy to re-group her forces as a precaution against the threat of a new front in Albania, according to the correspondent.

**Statement in Commons**

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, today in the House of Commons when he said that the Yugo-Slav situation had completely altered his last statement by the establishment, without any internal disorder, of a new government.

Mr. Butler added: "The House will have noted with gratification the Order of the Day of General Simovitch in which, after asking that false rumours should be ignored, General Simovitch said that his Government were pursuing a friendly policy to all their neighbours."

Mr. Butler added that the British Government were in full and friendly relations with the new Yugo-Slav Government.

## How America Intend To Help Beat Axis

FROM PAGE ONE

ply lines to its friends, while depriving those unfriendly nations the vessels needed to bring them goods.

**Strengthening War Sines**

(4) By purchases of strategic goods such as copper, nitrates, tin, chrome and fibres, the United States has befriended particular nations and has simultaneously strengthened her own war sines.

(5) The vast stocks of foodstuffs in the United States are an economic weapon which is being used carefully with a view to helping those countries which remain neutral and friendly to the United States and her friends.

(6) This United States has exercised the powers of the \$2,000,000,000 stabilisation fund to aid currencies of friendly nations.

(7) By freezing assets in the United States of certain nations, the Government has prevented the assets from being transferred to unfriendly countries where they might be used to weaken or injure the United States and her friends.

The informant indicated that to a large measure the United States is in agreement with Chiang Kai-shek's observation that the military phase of the Asiatic war has already ended relatively favourable to China, and that henceforth, the war will be chiefly economic.

## Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,751,071.90 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

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Mr. David Wilson 20

Mrs. J. C. Blinckley 25

**Amateur Cinema Club**

A meeting of the Amateur Cinema Club was held at the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday, Mr. F. A. Kaufmann presiding. It was proposed that an exhibition of films be held on April 23 and that 60 per cent. of the proceeds go to the Bomber Fund.

## LATE NEWS

## Ford Strike

FROM PAGE ONE

the picket lines to maintain defence work.

**Barricade of Cars**

The Union claimed that the strike, involving over 95,000 men, was completely effective. They have formed an automobile barricade at some places 15 cars deep, around the gates.

The Union attributed the strike to the demand for the reinstatement of discharged workers, wage increases and Union non-recognition. One man, Angelo Caruso is reported to be critically injured by slab wounds.

**Ford Statement**

The Personnel Director of the Ford organisation, Mr. Harry Bennett, said that Mr. Henry Ford had twice asserted that the eight C.I.O. Committee-men whose discharge had precipitated the strike "will never again work for Ford Motor Company". Mr. Bennett added that the Company possesses proof of Communist intrigue in the C.I.O. leadership which they hope will bring about a complete industrial and economic breakdown in the nation's industrial life for the purpose of developing a "revolutionary situation from which will come the expected dictatorship, proletarian."

He said that the rank and file of the C.I.O., however, is patriotic.

**Peace Formula**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (UP).—Officials of the Labour Department today said that Mr. James Dewey is taking a specific peace formula to Dearborn which some Union officials and Ford Company officers have tentatively accepted.

The National Labour Relations Board will hear arguments next Saturday on the C.I.O. petitioning of a bargaining election at the River Rouge and Lincoln plants.

**Seizure Demanded**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (UP).—Senator Tom Connally today demanded that the Government seize and operate all national defence plants "in which production is delayed either by capital or labour."

Senator Harry Byrd declared that the strike situation in the defence industries is "bloody, dark, ever before," and demanded that the Government re-open the Allis-Chalmers plant "which was closed by riots, disorder and bloodshed." He charged

ed Miss Francis Perkins, Secretary of Labour with neglect of her duties.

President Roosevelt through his Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, reiterated that he is fairly testing the mediation machinery prior to seeking new legislation.

Governor Hall of Wisconsin appealed for further Federal intervention in the Allis-Chalmers strike.

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## Pope Discusses China War

FROM PAGE ONE

tension of conflict which might involve the United States, or Yugo-Slavia.

**Matsuoka On Tour**

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr. Yosuko Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister who is now in Rome, may visit Occupied France on his way home, he revealed today to pressmen at the Villa Madama where he is staying.

Mr. Matsuoka added that he would take advantage of his return journey to stay in Germany as a private citizen as he is anxious to come into closer contact with the population. He emphasised his intention of personally informing himself of the "true situation in Europe."

Mr. Matsuoka had a further talk with Signor Mussolini after luncheon in the presence of Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

**Meeting With Pope**

At the meeting of Mr. Matsuoka and the Pope earlier, only religious and moral issues were discussed, state Vatican circles.

Mr. Matsuoka said afterwards that he was tremendously impressed by the Pope.

Mr. Matsuoka is leaving Rome tomorrow.

**Medal From Pope**

The talk between Mr. Matsuoka and the Pope was extremely cordial. Vatican circles confirm. The Pope set forth his views of the present situation, Mr. Matsuoka listening with great deference and attention. The Japanese Foreign Minister then gave the Japanese viewpoint.

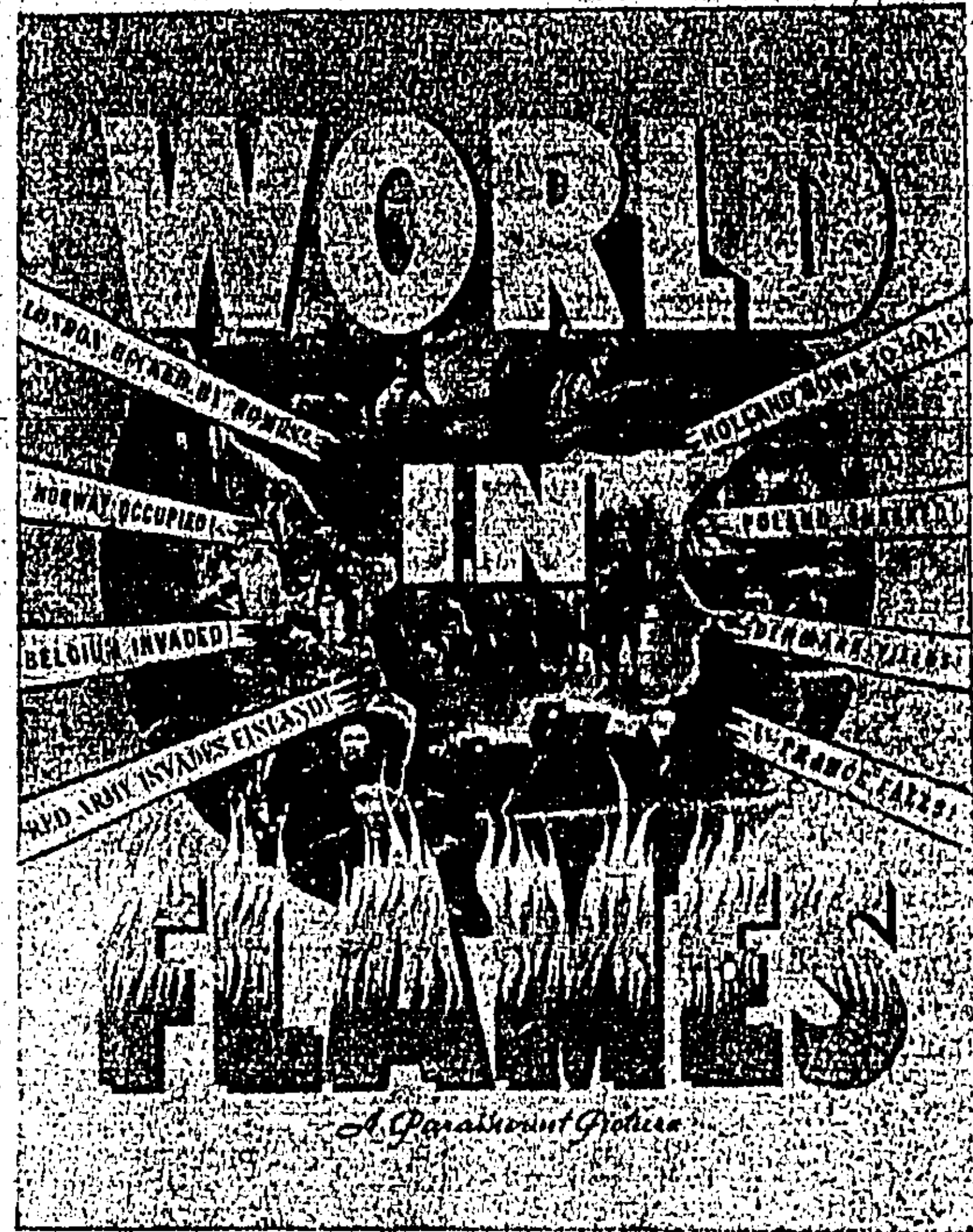
Before Mr. Matsuoka left, the Pope presented him with a gold medal.

Mr. Matsuoka subsequently talked with Cardinal Maglione, the Papal Secretary of State, for nearly an hour.

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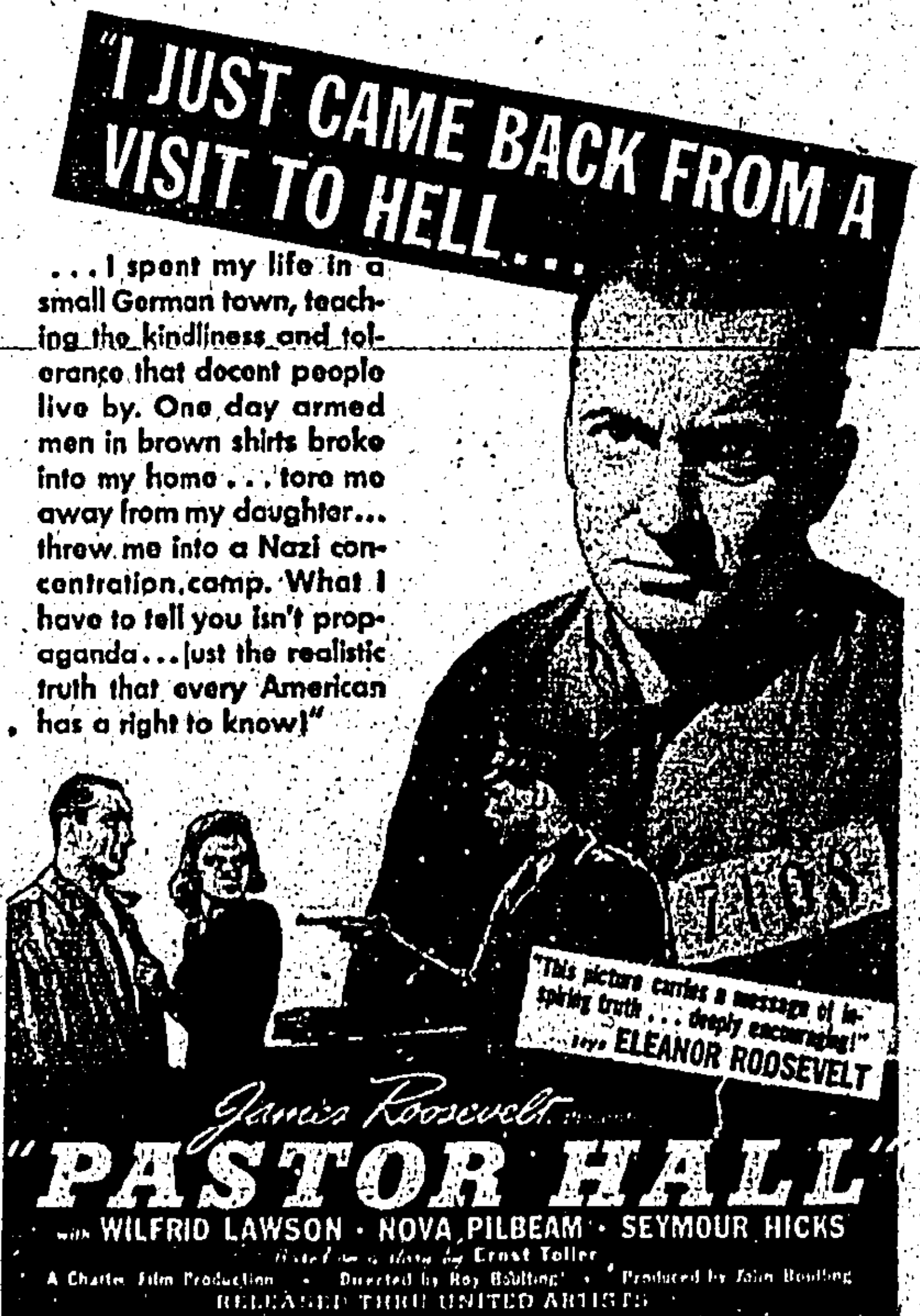
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